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FINAL ASSIGNMENT: LITERATURE REVIEW

A literature review surveys the literature (academic articles) on a topic to try and understand the different viewpoints about that topic.

You as the writer of the literature review not only will present the arguments that the authors have made, but will also construct and contribute your argument as to what should be further researched in this area.

1. FOR FIVE MINUTES BRAINSTORM A LIST OF TOPICS YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT. BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE.

Reading Comprehension

Phonemic awareness

Early literacy practices

Vocabulary Development

Writing Development

Second language learning – Learning English as a second language

2. LOOK AT THE LIST. CIRCLE (OR UNDERLINE) *ONE* TOPIC THAT YOU WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT.

Reading Comprehension

Phonemic awareness

Early literacy practices

Vocabulary Development

Writing Development

Second language learning – Learning English as a second language

3. NOW SPEND FIVE MINUTES BRAINSTORMING A LIST OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT TOPIC THAT YOU'D LOVE TO LEARN THE ANSWERS TO.

Reading Comprehension

How does a teacher assess a student's reading comprehension?

How can parents support a child's reading comprehension?

What are instructional practices that support a child's reading comprehension?

4. LOOK OVER THE LIST OF QUESTIONS, AND CIRCLE THE ONE YOU FIND MOST INTERESTING THAT MIGHT BE THE FOCUS OF YOUR PAPER. THIS FOCUSING QUESTION WILL BE THE GROUNDING FORCE FOR YOUR PAPER.

Reading Comprehension

How does a teacher assess a student's reading comprehension?

How can parents support a child's reading comprehension?

What are effective instructional practices that support a child's reading comprehension?

5. NOW BUILD A NEW LIST OF QUESTIONS UNDER THAT ONE. WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ANSWER YOUR FOCUSING QUESTION? MAKE THE LIST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. SPEND A GOOD TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTES ON THIS. USE THIS LIST TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE RESEARCH PROCESS.

What are effective instructional practices that support a child's reading comprehension?

- How have researchers defined the effective instructional practices to support a struggling reader with his/her reading comprehension?
- How have researchers defined effective instructional practices to support a second language learner's reading comprehension?
- How does a child's identity as a reader impact his/her reading comprehension?

LITERATURE REVIEW: BRAINSTORMING ACTIVITY

- 1. For five minutes brainstorm a list of topics you'd like to learn more about in terms of language development. Be as specific as possible.**
- 2. Look at the list. Circle (or underline) *one* topic that you want to take a closer look at.**
- 3. Now spend five minutes brainstorming a list of questions about that topic that you'd love to learn the answers to.**
- 4. Look over the list of questions, and circle the one you find most interesting that might be the focus of your paper. This focusing question will be the grounding force for your paper.**
- 5. Now build a new list of questions under that one. What else do you need to know to answer your focusing question? Make the list as long as possible. Spend a good ten to fifteen minutes on this. Use this list to guide you through the research process.**

LITERATURE REVIEW: COMPONENTS

- **Proposal – 5%**
 - **Read the guidelines to writing a proposal. It is posted to blackboard on the literature review folder. Upload your proposal to your blog by Monday, November 14th**
- **Annotated Bibliographies – 40%**
- **Outline – 10%**
- **Final Draft – 45%**

Objective

The goal of writing a proposal is for you to organize and collect your preliminary ideas about your literature review. Through the process of writing your proposal, I hope you will raise questions that you'd like to answer and map a research plan.

Identify your Topic

What areas of language development are you interested in researching? (For example, are you interested in learning more about emergent literacy practices to support second language learners?)

What is a question or series of questions that you have about your topic?

Background

Explain your interest in the topic or question. How and why are you personally invested? What do you already know about it?

Significance

Explain why your topic and question is worth researching and answering. What do you hope to learn?

Identify what readings, discussions, and/or videos from class piqued your interest in pursuing further research.

***There is a sample literature review proposal on blackboard, I would advise you to read it. ***



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