



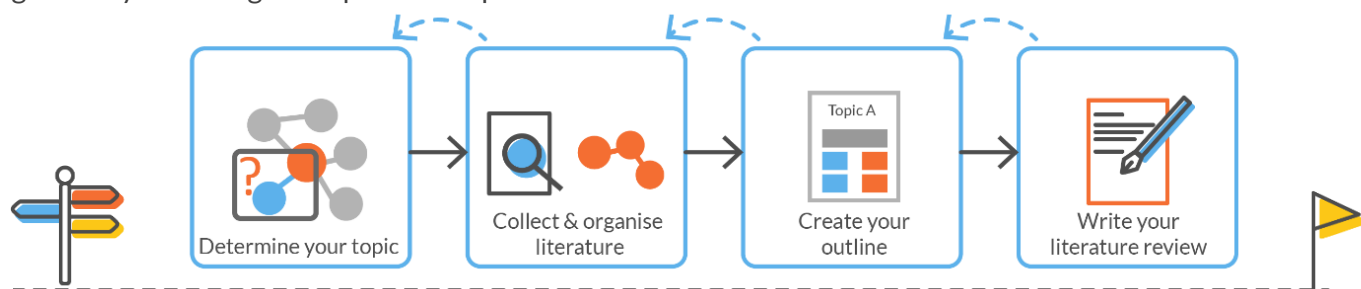
Write a literature review

with support from the **Science Skills Platform**

Writing a literature review is **more than just writing!** It means entering a process of (systematic) literature searches to get to know a field in detail. You also need to be able to **collect, connect and critique** other academics' approaches and findings. The *Writing a literature review module* of the *Writing domain* helps guide you through the whole process of writing your own literature review. You can find a summary of the available chapters below. Select the support you need and get started!

Process of writing a literature review

The **Science Skills Platform** offers you a **detailed and practical guide** through all the relevant steps of writing a literature review so that you can increase the quality of your own work. How do you come up with a compelling topic? How can you make sure you don't waste time reading irrelevant literature? How can you organise your findings to create a logical outline? And how do you actually then write a literature review? The *Writing a literature review module* of the *Writing domain* guides you through the process depicted below!



Links to all relevant skills chapters

[Discover what a literature review should look like](#)
[Make a planning for working on your review](#)
[Determine a topic and aim](#)
[Collect and organise literature](#)
[Create an outline](#)
[Write up the main body](#)

[Write up the introduction](#)
[Write up the conclusion\(s\)](#)
[Write the future prospects](#)
[Determine keywords and write your abstract](#)
[Formulate an interesting title](#)
[Format the reference list](#)

Having difficulty writing in English? Use the [language module](#) to work on your spelling, grammar and word choice, and learn how to build well-structured sentences and paragraphs.



Keep in mind that the **instructions** you receive from your **supervisor** are always **leading**. They might have specific expectations of your literature review that go beyond the content presented on the skills platform.

Is this your first time hearing about or using the platform?

Consult the [homepage](#) for some general information and discover [how to use the platform](#).

Questions or concerns about the platform?

Consult the [FAQ](#) or contact the Science Skills Team via skills@science.leidenuniv.nl

