



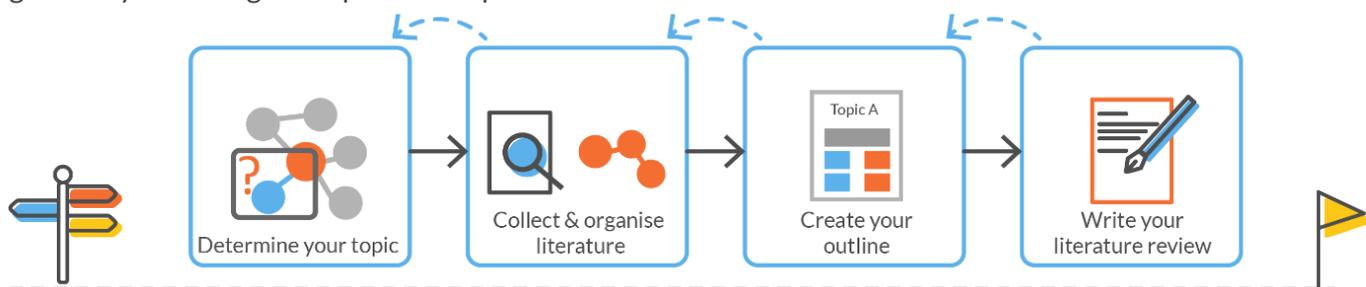
# Write a literature review

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](mailto:skills@science.leidenuniv.nl)

