Using Scholarship to Define Your Problem: The Role of the Literature Review

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Select the most appropriate literature strands for your study

Identify where to find the most appropriate literature for your study

Develop strategies for mining the literature for easy retrieval later

The “breaking point”: Knowing when “enough is enough”

Developing a plan to conduct the literature review
- Strategies for integrating the different literature strands

- Stating implications for your study - which is not the same as a summary of the literature

- Constructing your analytic framework

- Relationship to Conclusions and Recommendations