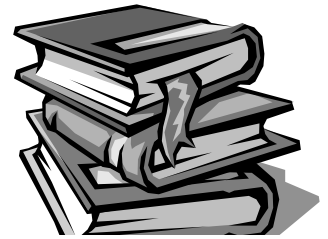


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## **Background Information Literature Review First Draft**



Background information or a literature review is a formal discussion of what is already known about your investigation topic. You spent a week researching in books, encyclopedias, magazines, the Internet for information. This is called a Review of the Literature.

Take the bullet notes from the literature review and turn them into sentences and paragraphs. Begin with a topic sentence, and details and elaboration. Use transitions. Write the paragraphs just like you do in your English class.

Historical information about your topic is a good way to begin the literature review. If your topic is not one that is very well known or understood, then beginning with a definition of the subject might be the best way to introduce readers to your topic.

Background information does NOT include your question, procedure, or any other part of the investigation. It does include, historical information, scientists who made an impact in the field, definitions, drawings & diagrams, and anything that is currently known about any part of your topic.

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The final copy of the background information must be at least **five pages long**, double spaced, 12 – 14 point font if you are use a word processor. If you are hand writing the report, it must eight pages long, one side of the paper only.

Each person in the group will write his or her own background report. One report for the group or one report turned in by everyone in the group will not be accepted.

Please make sure to re-read the general information you have been given about appropriate written reports.

- ❑ Blue or black ink
- ❑ One side of paper only
- ❑ Professional fonts (if you aren't sure, ask!)
- ❑ 12 – 14 point font
- ❑ No Liquid Paper or scratch outs