

Unit 1 Feeder 2 Questions:

When writing a literature review, is it ok if one of the sources seems to operate on a more fundamental level than the other and hold little opinion on the subject of CLS directly?

Sure, if you use the literature review to talk about DH more broadly. The problem might be that you stay too general. Make sure you have specific arguments/claims to talk about in the literature review. You can also bring in a third source, if you find it helpful.

What are the advantages or disadvantages of organizing the literature review in different ways (chronologically, thematically, methodologically)?

The way you organize your literature review will influence the paper; your paper will be methodologically focused if you organize it by method. There are no advantages or disadvantages, it is just what you would like to focus on for the larger paper (Unit 1).

What if I have trouble finding clear differences or similarities between my two sources? Will I need to look at other sources to fully understand my main sources?

You can look at other sources and use more than two for your literature review. Or try to find specific points that might be unclear or unrelated. Finally, you can try to relate the two articles logically or methodologically.

How much of our abstracts should be used in our literature review?

I want you to use your feeder 1 as the basis for feeder 2. The abstract is a good base, but you need to expand on that for your summary. You can reuse what you wrote for feeder 1, but you might need to tweak it a little to fit in the literature review.

If my second source is not strong enough, can I find a new one?

Yes! You can always find a different source. However, you might find it helpful to still use that source in tandem with the other sources.

Should the body be summary and synthesis or just synthesis?

The body should be summary and synthesis. Your conclusion will be what you think you can say by looking at these two sources.

Is feeder 2 the same as writing a literature review?

Yes, feeder 2 is a literature review.

Our feeder 2 is what we will publish at the conference?

No, the conference will be our unit 2 project. This first unit project has nothing to do with the conference. Sorry if this was confusing, I needed to know last week, so I can start planning Unit 2.

Would you prefer for us to visit the writing center or you to review our work before its due?

You can come to me for any writing help. My office hours are a great time to come and talk about your writing or you can just email me too. If I am unavailable or you want a different set of eyes, then please use the writing center.

Is there a limit on how much we can quote from the sources?

No hard limit. However, you want to make sure you frame your quotes adequately, so it isn't just "drive by quoting." Most undergraduate writing should be 50/50 they say/I say mix.

Will feeder one go on a separate page and then we combine them?

No, please use your feeder 1 when writing your feeder 2. Copy/Paste Feeder 1 into Feeder 2 but tweak it so it fits in the literature review.

Would you like us to include in-text citation? If so, how many is a good amount for a lit review?

Yes, use in-text citation. Use it for paraphrasing and quoting. No hard and fast rule here, but you probably want 2-3 per paragraph.

How many times should we cite each source in feeder 2?

However, many times you think is appropriate. You want to try to get to half evidence ("they say") and half "I say." You just want to balance between providing evidence and providing points/arguments.

Is Feeder 2 also graded as complete? Can we turn it in early for extra advice from you?

Yes, but I will give you comments. Yes, please give me a few days to respond.

Should we have a works cited page for the literature review or only full, in-text citation?

Yes, you should do both. Do works cited and in-text.

What is the most important error to avoid when writing a literature review?

Make sure you have quotes or other evidence in your paragraphs. The error that happens most is that there are too many "I say" statements in a literature review.