

# EAP Writing Assignment

## Literature Review

Choose a topic related to: **Education**

Write a question which describes what you would like to know about the topic.  
Find at least 5 journal articles which will help you answer the question.  
Write a Literature Review which compares and contrasts the points in the articles.

Your Literature Review should be 1000 words.

## Notes

### Research

- Information from sources needs to be paraphrased.
- All sources should be cited.
- You should include a reference list.
- Use the Referencing Guide below.
- Five sources is the minimum.

### Analysis

- Include an introduction which gives the background.
- Information from sources needs to be synthesised.
- Organise the Literature Review thematically, not by source.

### Conclusion

- Summarise what you investigated and what you found
- Draw clear conclusions based on your research and analysis

### Structure

- Your Literature Review should have a clear structure that is logical and easy to follow.
- The reader should be able to identify an introduction and conclusion, and the purpose of each paragraph.
- Your introduction should state the specific question(s) that you researched, and the conclusion should respond to these question(s).
- Paragraphs should have a topic and concluding sentences which link well to each other.
- Your report should be written in an academic style, using appropriate vocabulary and correct grammar.

# Referencing Guide

## Citations

Include the following information in your text:

Surname of author(s) + Year of publication (+ Page numbers - if quoting directly or paraphrasing ideas from specific pages).

### Examples:

Taylor (2007, p. 56) emphasised that most students only used English when they were in class.

Most students, according to Taylor (2007, p. 56), only used English when they were in class.

Most students only used English when they were in class, claims Taylor (2007, p. 56).

One important study (Harrison, 2012) looks at close links between....

## Reference List Entries

- For an an online journal article, include the following in your reference list entry:

- Author surname + comma + Author initials + full stop
- Year of publication (in round brackets)
- 'Title of article '(in single quotation marks. Only first word and proper nouns capitalised) + comma
- *Title of Journal* (in italics. All words capitalised, except 'of' 'for' 'on' etc) + comma
- Issue information (volume unbracketed, issue in round brackets) + comma
- Page reference (if available) (p. for a single page - pp. for plural pages) + full stop
- Available at: + URL
- Accessed: date (in round brackets) + full stop

### Example:

Barke, M. and Mowl, G. (2016) 'Málaga - a failed resort of the early 20th century?', *Journal of Tourism History*, 2(3), pp. 187-212. Available at: [www.tanfonline.com/full/1755182.2016](http://www.tanfonline.com/full/1755182.2016) (Accessed: 23 April 2018).

- For an online newspaper, include the following in your reference list entry:

- Author surname + comma + Author initials + full stop
- Year of publication (in round brackets)
- 'Title of article '(in single quotation marks. Only first word and proper nouns capitalised) + comma

- *Name of Newspaper* (in italics. All word capitalised, except 'of' 'for' 'on' etc) + comma
- Date of publication (Date + month) + full stop
- Available at: + URL
- Accessed date (Accessed: date) + full stop

### Example:

Young-Powell, A. (2017) 'How serious is essay plagiarism?', *The Guardian*, 30 December. Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/dec/30/is-plagiarism-really-a-growing-problem-in-universities> (Accessed: 31 January 2021).

- For other websites, include the following in your reference list entry:

- Author surname + comma + Author initials + full stop
- Year of publication or last update (in round brackets)
- *Title of webpage* (in italics. Only first word and proper nouns capitalised) + full stop
- Available at: + URL
- Accessed date (Accessed: date) + full stop

### Example:

Burton, P.A. (2012) *Castles of Spain*. Available at: [www.castlesofspain.co.uk](http://www.castlesofspain.co.uk) (Accessed: 14 October 2018).

If the website is the page of a company or organisation (e.g, the BBC, the Economist), but with **no author**, put the name of the company/organisation in place of the author, in both the reference list and the in-text citation.

**If a source has more than one author:** 2, or 3 authors: **all** surnames must be included.

4 or more: write the first author surname only, followed **et al.** (meaning 'and the rest'). e.g. West *et al.* (2015)

Do this for the citation but for the reference list: list **all** the authors using commas and the word 'and'.

## Writing a Referencing List

- The reference list comes after your Literature Review on a new page.
- All sources cited in your Literature Review should be in your reference list - and all sources in your reference list should be cited in your Literature Review.
- Do **not** use numbers or bullet points or indents.

- Arrange the sources in alphabetical order of author surnames.
- Place a line space between each source.
- Do **not** start putting together your reference list after you have written your Literature Review. Add a source to it each time you use it.
- You could use referencing software to help format your reference list, but you will still need to check it 'manually' to ensure that all elements of the style are correct.
- You must use information from sources published **in English**, because the markers must be able to understand the original source.

Example:

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Hayes, N. and Introna, L. D. (2005) 'Cultural values, plagiarism and fairness: When plagiarism gets in the way of learning', *Ethics and Behaviour*, 15(3), pp. 213-231.

Young-Powell, A. (2017) 'How serious is essay plagiarism?', *The Guardian*, 30 December. Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/dec/30/is-plagiarism-really-a-growing-problem-in-universities> (Accessed: 31 January 2021).