

Step 02. Literature Review

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Grade: ____ Date: _____

I. The Literature Review is an important step because it will permit you to:

- A. Have a list of resources available about your topic,
- B. Formulate an intelligent scientific problem (question) once you have read up on your topic of interest,
- C. Have a reference for your analysis of results and your conclusions, and
- D. Give you an idea of how to proceed with your project by giving you ideas based on past experience.

II. What can a bibliographic reference be?

A. Journal articles, textbooks, magazines, web pages, newspaper articles, television programs, podcasts/radio programs, CD-ROMs / DVDs, etc.

B. Information about science journals can be found at the following web site:

<http://fdaresearch.webs.com>

III. Internet References:

A. Scholars do not depend on the accuracy of Wikipedia.org because its content can change. However, Wikipedia.org is helpful at finding keywords (for use in their internet searches). Students may cite only one “Wikipedia.org” reference in their bibliography. In some fields of research there are some very good academic “wikis” (which may be edited by a limited group of scientists; often from the same lab group). Students who want to use a non-Wikipedia.org “wiki” need to have at least ten high quality “edu - org - gov” site references. See your teacher.

IV. Internet Search Engines:

A. Tips for optimizing searches can be found on the following web site:

<http://fdacompsci.webs.com/google>

B. Students are limited to the Google.com and the Bing.com internet search engines. Students who use search engines on “edu – org – gov” sites should 1) indicate NO in both the Google and Bing columns and 2) use one line in the search query column to list the complete URL of the search engine.

C. Students are required to keep track of their internet searches (see Section V).

VI. Write down your bibliographic references on the lines that follow.

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