

State-of-the-Art Reviews in 6 Steps:



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01. Determine Research Question & Field of Inquiry

When endeavouring to conduct a State-of-the-Art Review, consider:

- What is the research question(s) to be addressed?
- What field of knowledge and/or practice will the search address?



02. Determine Time Frame

- Engage in a broad scope overview around the topic to be addressed
- What historical markers help demarcate the time frame of now?
- What time frame can be justified to mark the beginning of the review?



03. Finalize Research Question(s) to Reflect Time Frame

- How do the broad scope overview and historical markers align with your research question(s)?
- What is the impact of this newly acquired information?
- Will it require you to change or adjust your research question(s)?



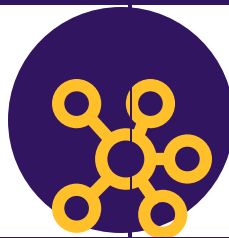
04. Develop Search Strategy to Find Relevant Articles

- How far back in your time frame do you need to go to report "This is how we got here?"
- Search strategy must be included in your manuscript



05. Analyses

- Read the articles to become familiar with the literature
- What are similarities across articles?
- What are the assumptions underpinning changes in understanding the topic over time?
- What are gaps and assumptions in the current knowledge?
- What is the history that gave rise to the modern thinking?



- Which articles support/ contradict your thinking?
- Do certain authors dominate the literature?
- Are there any marginalized points of view that should be considered?
- What theories have shaped insights and understandings?
- Does the literature reflect the premise you set out to study?

06. Reflexivity

- Provide a reflexivity description for the review team

