

Conclusion

convey and the sources that explain that general information. **You must state your understanding of the topic based on the knowledge you have gained from reading the literature.**

Ordinarily, **source integration** can include quoting, summarizing, paraphrasing, and synthesizing. In a literature review, however, quotations and paraphrases should be avoided; you are conveying the overall conclusions of the available literature, not picking individual points to use as evidence. Introduce or signal each source as you integrate it. Depending on the style you are using, you may need to include additional information in a parenthetical citation. Parenthetical citations should come after your summary of the source.

It is not enough to just state your understanding of the general information and provide a summary of the sources. It is necessary to **discuss the summaries** and how they relate to the general trend or framework you are communicating. Continue this process with other ideas that you would like to convey. Make sure to connect paragraphs together through logical transitions in your topic sentences.

Remember, if you are still confused, you can always find other literature reviews in your area of interest. They can provide insight on different ways to organize your literature review. Also, try asking your professor about his or her experience writing