Thematic Literature Review Matrix

This table can be used for recording and summarising your literature. It is especially useful for with understanding and paraphrasing. The columns below can be adapted to suit what you are writing (proposal, thesis, paper) and can be constructed as a table in MS Excel, Word or even in your notebook.

THEME (identifying patterns in the literature)	REFERENCE	AIMS	METHODS	CONTEXT	RESULTS/ CONCLUSIONS	STRENGTHS/ LIMITATIONS (critical analysis)	IMPLICATIONS/RELEVANCE

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