**How to start your Independent Research Report**

You have already mapped out the “conversation” your sources will have within your literature review, but how should you “start” or establish context for your conversation?

**Provide a straightforward topic sentence**. *(The [insert problem] is a concerning source of inequality for [insert who] in America)*. **Next, explain the gravity of the problem providing evidence to prove the impact of this problem on people or society. Do this with *at least* two different, really scholarly sources to give a good first impression. This section should be multiple sentences. After establishing the problem and its impact, transition to your thesis. (***This literature review analyzes [insert topic]. It questions [insert topic of your literature review] by considering the [insert lens] causes and potential solutions.   A careful evaluation of the research on the [insert lens] aspects of this issue highlights the importance of* [insert topic 1, topic 2, and topic 3.)

**Academic Phrases, Sentences & Vocabulary**

**1. Previous literature:**

The literature review shows that \_\_

Previous research showed \_\_

Seminal contributions have been made by \_\_

A series of recent studies has indicated that \_\_

Several theories have been proposed to \_\_, some focusing on \_\_, others on \_\_

There has been numerous studies to investigate \_\_

This has been used in several studies to assess \_\_

Previous studies have shown \_\_

Several studies suggest that \_\_

This has also been explored in prior studies by \_\_

Prior research suggests that \_\_

Previous studies have emphasized \_\_

The majority of prior research has applied \_\_

Most early studies as well as current work focus on \_\_

For instance, the following studies were conducted on \_\_

Studies of \_\_are well documented, it is also well acknowledged that \_\_

A number of authors have recognized \_\_

Some authors have also suggested that  \_\_

Some authors have driven the further development of \_\_

This has been discussed by a great number of authors in literature.

For example, research has provided evidence for \_\_

The authors bring some information about the background of the problem, \_\_

As has been previously reported in the literature, \_\_

A large number of existing studies in the broader literature have examined \_\_

The literature review shows that \_\_

There exists a considerable body of literature on  \_\_

In short, the literature pertaining to \_\_ strongly suggests that \_\_

Over time, an extensive literature has developed on \_\_

This section presents a review of recent literature on \_\_

This paper begins with a short review of the literature regarding the \_\_

Several methods are reported in the literature to address this issue.

There is a wide choice of \_\_ available in the literature.

This section reviews the literature related to \_\_

It was reported in literature that \_\_

A recent study by \_\_ concluded that \_\_

In the light of reported \_\_ it is conceivable that \_\_

The method introduced by \_\_ has the advantage that \_\_

One method employed by \_\_ is \_\_

A more comprehensive description can be found in \_\_

For example, recent research suggests that \_\_

This was successfully established as described by \_\_

The author employed a \_\_ methodology which prescribes the use of \_\_

One of the tough challenges for all researchers in this domain is \_\_

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