

## Use of Literature Checklist

Use the following criteria to evaluate an author's use of literature.

- Look for indications of the following ways the author used literature:
  - Introduce a problem
  - Introduce a theory
  - Provide direction to the research questions and/or hypotheses
  - Compare results with existing literature or predictions
- Did the author mention the problem addressed by the study?
- Is the purpose of the study stated?
- Are key variables in the study defined?
- Is information about the sample, population, or participants provided?
- Are the key results of the study summarized?
- Does the author provide a critique of the literature?
- Are sources cited to support points?
- Are the citations to recent literature (within the past 5 years with the exception of seminal works)?
- Does the literature justify the importance of the topic studied?