**Abridged Literature Review Instructions**

Based on your review of the Syllabus Course Description and Learning Outcomes, choose a related complex topic that is of interest to you, and write an abridged literature review on your topic. Use the prior assignment annotated bibliography topic that was submitted to and approved by the professor. The purpose of this review is to integrate and synthesize scholarly literature on your chosen topic. This literature review should describe, contrast, critique major findings and key theories on your topic, as well as identify controversial questions. In your review of the literature, evaluate the effective application of primary management concepts to your topic and demonstrate a synthesis of biblical principles and secular knowledge as new thoughts generated as a result of your research. (See “What is a Literature Review” supplement)

**Remember:** This assignment and all assignments in this course have a management, not leadership focus. There is a distinct difference between management and leadership. Discuss management, not leadership. The Contemporary Management text only provides basic topical information. As a research-intensive doctoral course, you will need to research current scholarly literature. There is no assignment in this course that can be completed by relying on the text alone.

**Guidance for writing a literature review can be found at:**

1. Liberty University. Literature Reviews: A Guide. Retrieved from <https://www.liberty.edu/casas/academic-success-center/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2019/04/Literature_Review_Handout_Final.pdf>
2. Monash University. The Stand-Alone Literature Review Retrieved from https://www.monash.edu/rlo/assignment-samples/science/stand-alone-literature-review

**Assignment Requirements**

**Required Headings**

Cover page with Topic Title (the topic approved by your professor)

Abstract

Table of Contents

Introduction with Background Information

Literature Review (use at least 7 articles, at least 1000 words)

(Evaluate the effective application of primary management concepts to your topic)

New Thoughts (include Biblical integration)

(Describe, contrast, critique major findings and key theories on your topic, as well as identify controversial questions)

Conclusions

References

**Other Requirements**

Materials submitted to fulfill requirements in one course may not be submitted in another course. Concerns about the propriety of obtaining outside assistance and acknowledging sources should be addressed to the instructor of the course before the work commences and as necessary as the work proceeds.

* The cover page needs to include the following statement: By submitting this assignment, I attest this submission represents my own work, and not that of another student, scholar, or internet source. I understand I am responsible for knowing and correctly utilizing referencing and bibliographical guidelines.
* This paper must include at least 7 Christian and secular scholarly articles published within the last 5 years. You **may** use findings and theories that were previously assigned, mentioned or discussed in this course, but you will find that additional research and resources will be needed. You **are encouraged to use** any or all quality articles from your prior annotated bibliography assignment. Do not use any books. You may not use the 2 course textbooks for this assignment.
* In this short, stand-alone, integrative literature review, do not cite the same source more than twice in the entire review, and not in the same paragraph. A paragraph should not focus on a single scholar, but the viewpoints of several should be discussed. Also do not directly quote more than 50 words in the entire paper.
* In-text citations are required to support your thesis statement, paragraph topic sentences points, statements, issues, arguments, concerns, statements of fact and opinion.
* *The required cover page, abstract, table of contents, and reference sections do not count toward the required 1000 word minimum word count, but these sections are required as part of your paper.*
* The abstract should be written within a range of 150-250 words. It should not introduce your paper or duplicate your introduction section, but articulates a clear and comprehensive overview of the paper’s content with a focus on your findings and includes your biblical application.
* The introduction should not be longer than ½ page. It presents a detailed description of the problems and issues central to the case. A thesis statement, with supporting citation should be at the end of your introduction section.
* Your conclusion section should not be longer than ½ page. It clearly states the answer to the problem which you stated in your introduction.
* Sources of information from Wikipedia, dictionaries, and encyclopedia will not be accepted.
* Citations should accompany each written assignment thesis statement, paragraph topic sentences, and supporting statements of fact and opinion.
* Paragraph lengths: Each paragraph should have a topic sentence unless it continues from or provides support to the prior paragraph. A paragraph is defined in this course as being at least 4 sentences in length.
* Similarity scores may exceed 20% due to information used from your prior annotated bibliography assignment.
* The required paper section headings are Abstract, Table of Contents, Literature Review (with subheadings), Conclusion, New Thoughts. The literature review section must have subheadings.
* Avoid clichés, slang, jargon, exaggerations, abbreviations, figurative language, and language that is too informal and/or too subjective.
* Submit your final document for grading with file name syntax: **Last name, First Initial, Assignment #**. For example: Bell, K, Assignment7

**Grading Metrics**

Consult the accompanying rubric for how your instructor will grade this assignment. Also, any form of plagiarism, including cutting and pasting, will result in zero points for the entire assignment. All quoted materials must be properly cited in current APA format.

Submit the Research Paper to the appropriate link for grading by 11:59 p.m. (ET) onSundayof Module/Week 7.