

Literature Review Matrix Template

A structured table for tracking sources, arguments, and gaps.

How to use this template

Add one row per source. Fill in the argument and method as you read, then use the 'Relevance' column to note how it connects to your own research question — this is what turns a reading list into an actual literature review.

Source (Author, Year)	Key Argument	Method	Relevance to My Question	Gaps / Notes

Tip

Group sources by theme, not by author, once you have 8-10 rows filled in. Themes become your review's section headings.