# Literature Review Grid.

The aim of a literature review is to make connections between different studies, in order to help you evaluate the state of knowledge in a field as a whole. Completing a table like this one can help you to identify the key features of studies and sources in order to help you compare. This table should help during the reading and note-taking stage of your literature review. Once you have filled in the table, you will need to identify areas where the studies connect, such as contrasting findings, similar themes, different methodologies, and so on. You could even colour code the columns in the table and use the same colours when you read the sources to help you find the relevant information.

You may need to modify the headings depending on the particular aim of your literature review.

Table 1: A template for a Systematic Literature Review grid.

| **Reference;** | **Aim or focus;** | **Methodology;** | **Results;** | **Themes;** | **Criticisms or Limitation;** |
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| An example:  Chung *et al.* (2005) | Impact of night work on women’s fertility. | 151 nurses.  Quantitative self-report survey and schedules. | No association between night work and menstrual regularity or fertility. | Fertility. | Relatively small sample.  Single location. |
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