

What is Research Literature?

All published research in a given field of study falls under the name Research Literature. Research Literature is used by scholars to form the foundation of an investigative paper or to provide background for personal research. A Primary Research Report is the author's representation of their own work.

Components of Research Literature:

Introduction: States the purpose of the scholars' paper or project.

Literature Review: Cites the historical foundations upon which the project is built. This section is easy to spot on an APA paper due to the appearance of the author, date, and parentheses within the text.

Methodology: Tools and processes the author used to collect the data or information.

Results: Data collected is organized and recorded, usually in tables and figures.

Conclusion: This section contains the author's conclusions and recommendations derived from the data. It may include problems encountered and suggestions for further research.

***Note:** These five principles should always be available, although not always in the way described here.*