## Worksheet 2 Literature Review

The main function of this worksheet is to ensure that your mind is prepared with all the knowledge that it needs to carry out the project and its primary research. The following steps are iterative and you must expect to go backwards and forwards many times before you get a set of answers with which you are happy.

***This will assist you with writing up Chapter 2- Literature Review of your Dissertation***

**1. LIST –** Make a list of all the various topic strands that you need to know about. Alternatively, you can generate keywords that stem from your Research Question and Objectives.

Typically, 5-6 main heading will be sufficient

**2. ARRANGE and STRUCTURE –** Use the list prepared in step 1 and put the topics into a logical and progressive order.

**3. THEME/s** – Decide on a theme that will link all the various topic strands together. So, before you write the review, think of the connections between topics and how you will transition from one to the other. Also consider how you will signpost the sections.

**4. SOURCES/REFERENCES–** References are sources that you use in the text of your dissertation. The expectation is that there will be at least **20 to 30 JOURNAL ARTICLES** among other sources for the dissertation

Complete the following table with the main sources for your research

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| Topic/Element | Key Points | Key Authors/Works |
| Underlying Theory |  |  |
| Models |  |  |
| Topic 1 |  |  |
| Topic 2 |  |  |
| Topic 3 |  |  |
| ………. |  |  |

**5. Conceptual Framework** – Now use your themed list of topics and structure. Use the headings, and subheading to build a *MIND MAP OR CONCEPTUAL MAP*

This will be a good starting point for building the final conceptual framework