

Session #14

Review Article—form and function

Literature review—in general

—as part of a grant proposal

--as part of a research report (of your own research)

Function?

Review article:

Function? Structure?

How does it differ from a conventional high school or college research paper?

Is there an argument?—Think about Blaser's review article.

How does this kind of argument differ from the argument you might make in a debate?

How does it differ from the kind of argument that you might make in discussing a controversial topic in an analytic paper

(perhaps for a social studies or political science course)

What role does evidence play in this argument?

Why do most review articles omit direct quotes and specific names of researchers?

What is the source of your authority as a writer of a review article?

Can you offer an "opinion"?

Audience:

How would you characterize the audience for a review article (as opposed to the audience for your recent critical review) or the audience for a grant proposal (w/ literature review)?

How does the nature of the audience affect what you write in your review article?

Topics in public health versus topics in medicine?

What constitutes evidence?

Epidemiology vs. clinical research

surveys vs. clinical trials.

Reasons why I encouraged you to take on public health topics

Documentation:

What is plagiarism? Start with student definitions.

Read definition from Easy Writer , Page 190-192

(both unintentional & intentional)

(include cultural comment)

Read paragraph on syllabus:

All work submitted to me must have been written for this course alone. You should not under any circumstances make use of material “borrowed” from another source without explicitly acknowledging that source and quoting where appropriate. If you are not sure how to acknowledge the work of others, please consult me. It is your responsibility to understand the meaning of plagiarism and to document your sources.

Who plagiarizes? Under what circumstances?

Why is plagiarism such a big deal? What are the risks/costs?

How can I protect myself against unintentional plagiarism?

Questions: What happens if I discover a review article that covers my topic?

Can I use its list of references to track down articles for my review article?

Can I paraphrase the content of the review article as long as I identify the article in my list of works cited?

Can I work from the abstracts of the articles mentioned in my review article?

Since I am only going to summarize their findings, why should I read the whole article?

Can I paraphrase the abstract as long as I identify my source?