

Session #16

Review Article—form and function

Structuring your research and, eventually, your review article:

Begin with Melis Anahtar's cell phone article:

What was the major issue/question that shaped her article?

What were some of the subsidiary questions?

Where do these questions come from?—

[the questions that a responsible researcher would want to address in order to reach a compelling conclusion about the broader issue]

Who do you see as her intended audience?

Look at introduction and conclusion

Take a look at the “Update on Parkinson's treatment”

1. Let's look this writer's view of the debate on placebo surgery

2. Who do you see as the likely audience for this article?

How does that affect the introduction and conclusion?

Organizing your own review article:

What is the major issue/question that you plan to consider?

What are some of the subsidiary questions?

Write a sentence on your annotated source list that describes the central question that you plan to address.

What kind of journal might publish a review such as the one you plan to write?

Who are your likely readers?

What kind of information would they be looking for?

How might that affect your approach?

Describe the likely audience (who will read your article?).

Review your annotated list. Are some of these articles inappropriate as sources for your review article? What kinds of articles do you still need? (Aim for at least 9 authoritative articles.)

Write me a sentence or two indicating what additional sources you plan to find.