



Template for Literature Scholars for Reference

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Dissertation Title: Subtitle

by

[Name]

A Dissertation

Submitted to the

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University of [University Name]

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Thesis Research Template for PhD Candidates in Literature



Abstract

A concise summary of the thesis, stating the research problem, methodology, key findings, and conclusion

Table of Contents

A detailed list of chapters, sections, and subsections with page numbers.

List of Figures and Tables (if applicable)

Chapter 1: Introduction

- **Background of the Study:** Introduce the literary context and significance of the study.
- **Research Problem:** Clearly define the problem your thesis addresses.
- **Research Objectives/Questions:** State the main objectives or questions guiding your research.
- **Scope and Limitations:** Outline the scope of the study and acknowledge any limitations.
- **Significance of the Study:** Explain the importance and potential impact of your research.

Chapter 2: Literature Review

- **Theoretical Framework:** Discuss the theories and concepts relevant to your research.
- **Review of Related Literature:** Analyze previous studies and writings related to your thesis topic. Highlight gaps your research intends to fill.



Chapter 3: Methodology

- **Research Design:** Describe the structure and approach of your research (e.g., qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods).
- **Data Collection Methods:** Explain how you will gather your data (e.g., textual analysis, interviews, archival research).
- **Data Analysis Techniques:** Detail the methods and tools you will use to analyze the data.
- **Ethical Considerations:** Mention any ethical issues and how they will be addressed.

Chapter 4: Analysis/Discussion

- **Presentation of Data:** Systematically present your findings with supporting evidence from primary and secondary sources.
- **Discussion:** Interpret the findings in the context of the literature reviewed. Discuss the implications and how they address the research problem.

Chapter 5: Conclusion and Recommendations

Summary of Findings: Briefly recap the main insights gained from the research.

Conclusions: Draw conclusions based on the research objectives or questions.

Recommendations: Suggest areas for further research or practical applications of your findings.

Contribution to Knowledge: State how your research contributes to the field of literature



References

List all sources cited in your thesis following the MLA academic style guide.

Appendices

Include relevant additional materials like data sheets, additional data, or historical background that are peripheral but relevant to the main text.

Notes for Usage:

- This template is designed to structure your thoughts and research process systematically. Adjust the sections according to the specific requirements of your academic institution or field of study.
- Regularly consult your thesis advisor to ensure alignment with academic standards and expectations in literature.

This template aims to aid in organizing and planning your research effectively, helping to streamline the process and clarify your thoughts and objectives throughout your PhD journey in literature.