

Literature Review Outline

I. Introduction

- a. Topic: Christian education is necessary in this postmodern culture in order for students to know and fulfill the plan God has for their lives.
- b. Christian education is a Biblical mandate for parents and school are created to support the church's efforts to evangelize and disciple believers. Identify themes and trends in research questions, methodology, and findings. Give a "big picture" of the literature.

II. Theme A: Biblical Mandate^{1,2,3}

- a. Christian education is a Biblical mandate given to parents that has implications for generations
- b. Sub-theme - narrow but grouped findings related to the theme
 - i. Study 1 (Research question(s), Methods/Participants, Related Findings)
 - ii. Study 2 (Research question(s), Methods/Participants, Related Findings)
 - iii. Study 3 (Research question(s), Methods/Participants, Related Findings)
- c. Sub-theme - narrow but grouped findings related to the theme
 - i. Study 4 (Research question(s), Methods/Participants, Related Findings)
 - ii. Study 5 (Research question(s), Methods/Participants, Related Findings)
 - iii. Study 6 (Research question(s), Methods/Participants, Related Findings)
- d. Etc., etc., etc. with other findings that fit Theme A; studies can be repeated if there are multiple findings that fit under more than one theme. However, no need to re-write methods/participants in detail (just enough to remind the reader about the study).

III. Theme B - follow a, b, c, and so on from above

IV. Keep repeating with themes

V. Conclusion: **An evaluation/critique of the existing literature. Write several paragraphs.**

- a. What are the contributions of this literature to the field?
- b. What are the overall strengths?
- c. What are the overall weaknesses?
- d. What might be missing?

¹ Kahn, Pinchas. "The Mission of Abraham: Genesis 18: 17-22: 19." *Jewish Bible Quarterly* 30, no. 3 (2002): 155-163.

² Chandler, D. J. (2015). Whole-person formation: An integrative approach to Christian education. *Christian Education Journal*, 12(2), 314-332.

³ Barna, George. *America at the Crossroads: Explosive Trends Shaping America's Future and what You Can Do about it*. Baker Books, 2016.

- e. What are some next steps for research? The next steps should explicitly address how to “correct” for strengths, weaknesses, and gaps.

Use APA level headings 1, 3, & 4. See Creswell (page 112) or APA manual for formatting.

Review of the Literature on Girl Culture (Level 1)

Resistance (Level 3)

Overview of resistance. (Level 4)

Resistance to teachers. (Level 4)

Resistance as strategic. (Level 4)

Resistance as subconscious. (Level 4)