# Traditional Research Article (or Book) – Mapping Template (8.5X11)

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| **Introduction** | **Theoretical**  **Framework**  (if applicable) | **Literature Review** | **Methods**  (what you did) | **Findings**  **and/or Results**  (what you found) | **Discussion**  (what your  results mean) | **Conclusion** |
| **Topic & Problem** | **Discussion of Theories** Relevant to this Article | **Overview of Research Area(s) that Contribute Knowledge to this**  **Specific Research** | **Description of Materials:** Equipment, Participants, Samples | **Significant Findings in Words** | **Summary of Key Points** | **Main Contribution(s) of this Research to Field of Study** |
| **Importance of Field of Study** | **Introduction to the Specific Theories used in this Study** | **Historical and Contextual Analysis of Key Literature** (Concepts/ Definitions and Critical Debates)  (if applicable) | **Description of Methods:** Preparation, Procedures, Collection of Data (measurement, observation, interviews, surveys, focus groups),  Statistical Analysis | **Adjustments and Exclusions** | **Interpretation of Results** | **Significance of Achievements of this Research** |
| **Main Research Question(s) / Purpose Statement / Hypothesis /**  **Objectives** | **Theoretical Contributions** | **Review and Comparison of Key Studies from the Literature** | **Methodological Issues** | **Participant Observations / Interviews/ Focus Group** | **Comparison of Findings to Other Studies** | **Recommendations** |
| **Research Gap Summarized** | \* | **Research Gap(s) this Article Addresses** | \* | **Tables & Figures** | **Contribution of Findings to Research Question** | **Future Areas for Investigation** |
| **Justification**  **for this Research** | \* | **How this Research Contributes to the**  **Literature** | \* | \* | **Limitations & Successes** | \* |
| **Relevant Background Information** (Social, political, historical, scientific  relevance) | \* | **Purpose/ Main Argument of this Article** | \* | \* | \* | \* |

Note: asterisks (\*) in table identify empty cells.

## Introduction

What is the Topic of this Project?

### Key Words

### What are some Problems relevant to this Topic that are worth exploring?

### Describe the Importance of this Field of Study

### Main Research Question(s)/ Purpose Statement/ Hypothesis/ Objectives

(important to always have this global information in mind as you construct parts of the document)

### Research Gap

### Justification for this Project

(Why is this project important now?)

### Relevant Background Information on the Field of Study

(Social, political, historical, scientific relevance)

### Structure of the Article

## Theoretical Framework

Sometimes this section is combined with the Literature Review section

### Discussion of Major Theories

Relevant to your Research

### Categories/Topics/Sub-headings/Themes

### Introduction to the specific Theories used in this Study

(What critical conversations are you engaging with?)

### Summary/ Conclusion of Theoretical Contributions

## Literature Review

\*Sometimes this section is combined with the Theoretical Framework section

### Overview of Research Area(s) that Contribute Knowledge to this Specific Research

(What critical conversations are you engaging with?)

### Categories/Topics/Sub-headings/Themes

(use for organizing your Literature Review)

### Historical and Contextual Analysis of Key Literature

(if applicable) (Concepts/Definitions and Critical Debates)

### Review and Comparison of Key Studies from the Literature

Similarities and Differences; Strengths and Limitations; Agreements and Disagreement in Analysis, Theories, Interpretations, Methods, Findings, and Conclusions

### Research Gap(s) & Limitations

(What has not been studied yet?)

### How your Project Contributes to the Literature

### Purpose/Main Argument of this Project

## Methods

### What You Did

Describe in Words.

### Description of Materials used in this Study

Equipment; Participants; Samples; Populations; Etc.

### Methods used in this Study

Preparation; Procedures; Collection of Data; Statistical Analysis; Etc.

### Methodological Issues

## Findings and/or Results

### What did you find?

Brief summary.

### Significant Findings in Words

### Adjustments and Exclusions

### Participant Observations/ Interviews/ Focus Group

### Tables & Figures

## Discussion

### Restate Purpose/ Research Question(s)/ Significance of this Project to the Field of Study

### Interpretation of Results

What do the Results mean?

### Comparison of Results to Other Studies

### Contribution of Findings to Research Question

### Limitations & Successes

## Conclusion

### Summary of Key Points of the Article

### Main Contribution(s) of this Research to the Field of Study

Assert the Value of this Research

### Significance of Achievements of this Research

### Recommendations

### Future Areas for Investigation