

**Grading Rubric for Literature Review Assignment 1: Topic and Sources**

**Total points:** 50

**Late penalties:** 5-20 pts, depending on time (only three were late; the latest was 9:32 pm)

**Title:** Not graded in this assignment, but will be graded in the final paper.  
Should be grammatical, clear and specific.  
A good example would be “The Career Choices of College Athletes: A Literature Review”

**Paragraph:** Graded out of 25 pts.

Should be grammatical, clear and specific. Focus should be clearly on comparing and contrasting your sources in terms of their evidence and methods. Typical length is 5-10 sentences. An ideal first sentence would begin “This literature review describes key articles and books written about...”. The body of the paragraph would then specify the kinds of evidence and methods you see in the sources, with sentences such as “Some sources use scientific experiments to determine the effects of..., while other sources report opinion surveys on how Americans view...”

**Bibliography:** Graded out of 25 pts.

Should imitate the bibliographic format of your sources, to show that your literature review is in the style of the literature you are reviewing. There are many suitable formats, but the most common one for economics and other social sciences is:

For journal articles (which, in a physical library, are filed under the journal title):  
< Author(s) >, <year>, <“Title of Article”>, <Title of Journal>, <Vol.#>,<Issue#>: <Page#s>.

For books and monographs (which, in a physical library, are filed as separate volumes):  
< Author(s) >, <year>, <Title of Book>. <Publication series if any>, <Publisher>, <City>.

Key problems with bibliographies are when some sources cited are actually irrelevant to your topic, or when the formats are just cut and pasted from how you found the article and have not been reformatted by you to look like the bibliographies in your sources.