The goal of this section is to set the stage for your paper. Consider these questions –
What is the focus of the literature review? What is the significance of this topic (Why
should one care?)? What are the research questions guiding the literature review?
Address these questions with a clear articulation based on a brief review of existing
literature.
2. Method 0.5 ʹ 1 page
Describe the method used in the selection, review and synthesis. Consider these
questions – What academic databases did you search? What keywords used? Were
there other criteria, e.g., time period, language, geographical region? How many
articles, book chapters and books did you identify? How did you conduct screening for
further relevance? How many items were finally included in the full review?
You can use PRISMA – Scoping Review guidelines (http://www.prisma-statement.org/Extensions/ScopingReviews?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)
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6. Research Agenda 0.5 - 1 page
Building upon sections 3, 4 and 5 (if included), highlight key future research directions.
Issues of suitable and needed research methods would be relevant as well.
7. Conclusion 1-2 pages
Briefly summarize section 3, highlight the strengths of the conceptual framework (if
included) and emergent future research directions.
8. References As needed
Use APA style. See https://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/cite-write/citation-style-guides/apa
9. Appendix ʹ Summary Review Table As needed
Refer to class discussion. For format, use (at minimum) the following columns –
reference, focus, method, and key findings.