

PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

Formal Paper 3: Literature Review

- Scan the paper for no longer than 2 minutes. You should be able to discern:
 - the focus of the review: What is the central issue or problem being discussed?
 - the organization: How well does the author structure the points in the paper?
- Does the introduction serve as a good preview of both the paper's topic and the writer's approach?
- What is the focus of the paper?
- Can you identify the organization or line of argumentation? (Could you outline the process whereby the writer reaches the conclusion? Can you identify the main argument?)
- Suggest, if possible, a way improve the main argument. Are there claims or positions which require substantiation?
- Style: Did you find any sentences or ideas that were unclear (either because of sentence structure or because they expressed concepts that were difficult to follow)?
- What are the strengths of the paper?
- What do you think is the strongest objection or counter-argument to the paper's conclusion?