SOCWK360- Research in Social Science Literature Review Paper

For this assignment, you will prepare a written literature review based on what you learned this week. This literature review will be based on a topic of interest relevant to the social sciences.

You will **identify a research topic, conduct a keyword search, and then select 5 relevant articles, published within the last 10 years, to include in your literature review**.

Please follow the given grading rubric. **To earn full credit, include all of the following in your literature review:**

- An introductory paragraph that describes your topic and concludes with a clear research question.
- A discussion of 5 sources, published within the last 10 years, that are relevant to your topic.
- A section that synthesizes your findings, in which you compare and contrast the findings of the different studies, identifying both areas of agreement and disagreement. This should be written as a "conversation" among the sources and not simply an individual summary of each source.
- A conclusion in which you identify a gap in the research that warrants further study. This gap should clearly be connected to the findings of your literature review.
- Use of proper APA style citations, both in-text and on a references list. See the Purdue Owl guide linked this week if you have questions about APA style.

Rubric:

Criteria	☐ Excellent	☐ Satisfactory	☐ Unsatisfactory	☐ Poor
Topic is introduced in first paragraph with a clear research question. 20% of total grade Criteria Feedback	**10** The introductory paragraph introduces a research topic, provides enough information so readers can understand the topic, and concludes with a clear, logical research question.	**7** The introductory paragraph introduces a research topic in basic terms and concludes with a research question.	**3** The introductory paragraph fails to introduces a specific topic or does so unclearly, and the research question is missing or illogical.	**0**
The paper includes a discussion of 5 sources related to the topic of interest. 40% of total grade Criteria Feedback	**20** The paper includes a discussion of 5 sources, and all are relevant to the topic.	**15** The paper includes 5 sources, but some are not directly relevant to the topic.	**10** The paper does not include 5 sources, or the 5 sources included are not related to each other or do not show any relevance to a specific topic.	**0**

Criteria	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Poor
Student synthesizes the 5 sources, comparing and contrasting findings from different studies. 10% of total grade Criteria Feedback	**5**Student provides a strong synthesis, in which the findings from different sources are compared and contrasted, and both areas of agreement and disagreement are discussed.	**3**Student provides some description of areas of agreement and disagreement in the different sources but includes some statements that are merely summaries of individual articles.	**1**Synthesis is entirely missing, or student does little more than provide a summary of each individual source.	**0**
Student concludes with a statement related to a gap identified in the research reviewed. 20% of total grade Criteria Feedback	**10**The paper concludes with a clear statement of a research gap, which is logically connected to the information revealed in the literature review.	**7**The paper concludes with a statement of a research gap, but the literature review does not clearly support that this gap exists.	**3**The paper does not include any statement of a research gap, or if there is a statement of a gap, it is illogical.	**0**
Student uses proper APA style. 10% of total grade Criteria Feedback	**5**Student uses proper APA style citations, both in-text and on a references page.	**3**Student sometimes uses APA style, but there are some errors with the style in-text or on the references list.	**1**Student fails to use proper APA style, and/or citations are missing from the text.	**0**

Total possible points: 50