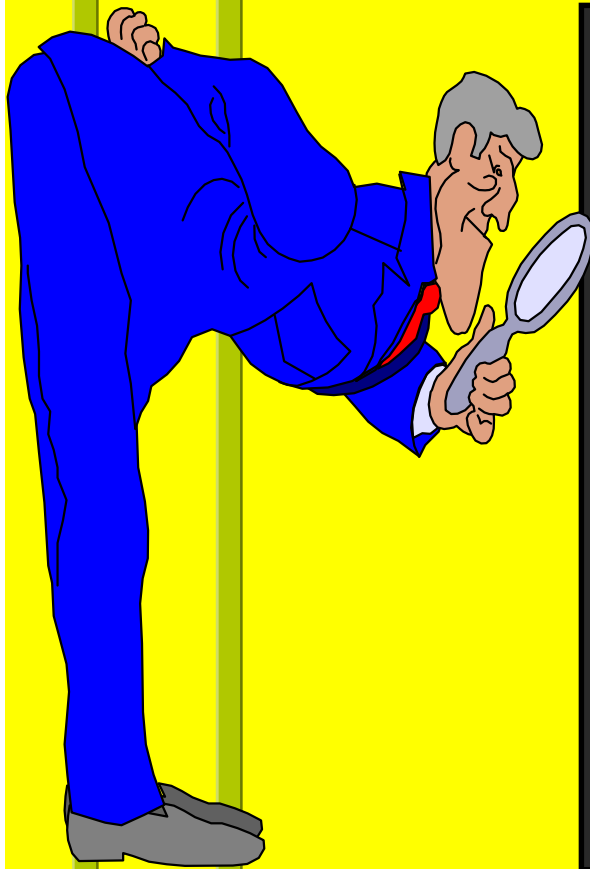


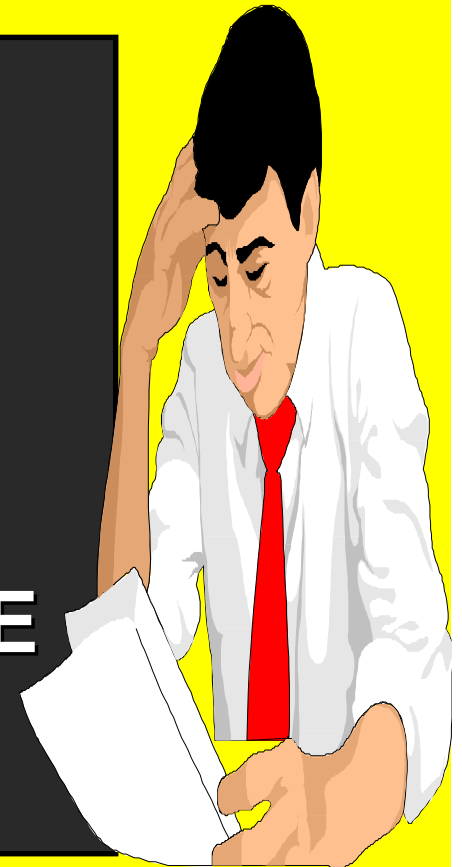
SPECIAL TOPIC SEMINAR



**THE DISSERTATION
PROPOSAL
SESSION 2: CHAPTER 2
FOR
WALDEN UNIVERSITY
by
Earl C. Joseph**

TOPICS COVERED

- **DEFINITIONS**
- **PURPOSE OF LITERATURE REVIEW**
- **STARTING POINT**
- **LITERATURE REVIEW COVERAGE**
- ***CITATIONS***

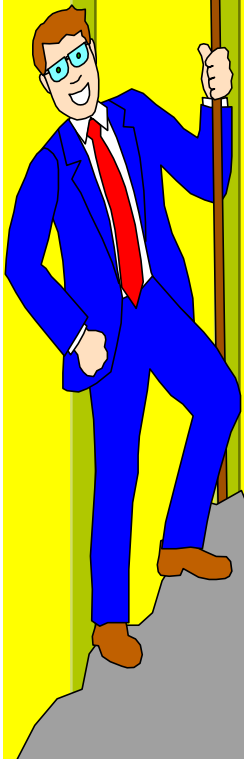


COVERAGE

- **DISSERTATION**: A SUBSTANTIVE, ORIGINAL, SCHOLARLY STUDY OF A TOPIC GROUNDED IN SOCIAL SCIENCE WHICH MAKES A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE
- **PROPOSAL**: *THE FIRST THREE CHAPTERS OF THE DISSERTATION - A COHERENT, SYSTEMATIC, AND METHODICAL PLAN*
- **LITERATURE REVIEW**: *COVERS PAST KNOWLEDGE ON THE TOPIC*



PURPOSE OF LITERATURE REVIEW



- REVIEW OF PAST LITERATURE ON SUBJECT
- DEMONSTRATE THAT RESEARCHER IS BECOMING AN EXPERT ON THE RESEARCH SUBJECT
- PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE TO DEVELOP THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
- VERIFY THAT THE RESEARCH IS NEEDED
- FURTHER DEVELOP THE PURPOSE OF & WHAT TO RESEARCH

STARTING POINT

- **DRAFT OUTLINE OF SUBSECTIONS:**
 - ◆ **USE ALL PHRASES FROM THE TITLE, PROBLEM STATEMENT, PURPOSE STATEMENT, & RESEARCH QUESTIONS OR HYPOTHESIS**
 - ◆ **INCLUDE ALL STATEMENTS OF “FACT” USED IN CHAPTER 1**
- **AND THEN:**
 - ◆ **COMPARE, CONTRAST, & INTEGRATE, ON A TOPIC-BY-TOPIC BASIS, WHAT PAST RESEARCHERS DISCOVERED**
 - ◆ **ANALYZE THE THEORIES FOUND**

LITERATURE REVIEW COVERS- 1



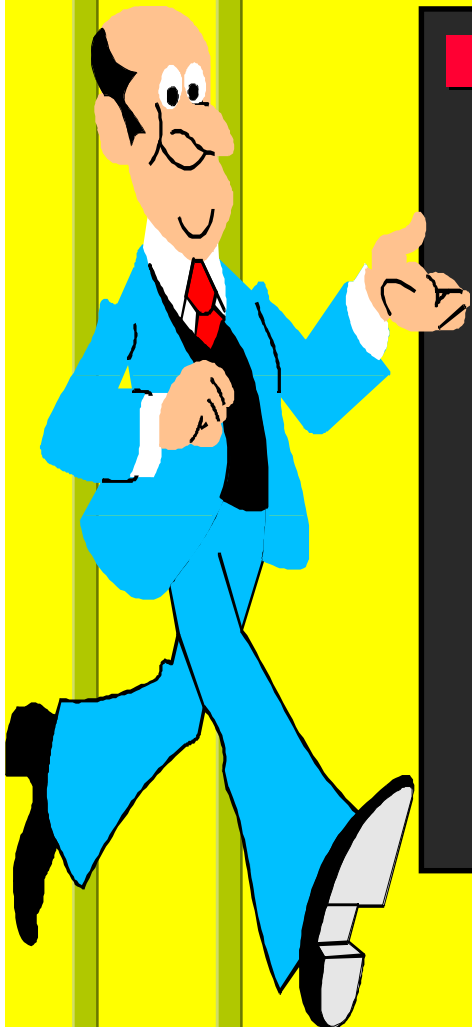
- PAST KNOWLEDGE: THEORIES & RESEARCH FINDINGS
 - ◆ FACTS RELATED TO YOUR RESEARCH
 - ◆ *GAPS IN PAST RESEARCH*
- ADDITIONAL RATIONALE FOR THIS RESEARCH
- *STICK TO YOUR TOPIC DON'T "PAD" WITH EXTRANEIOUS MATERIAL*

LITERATURE REVIEW COVERAGE- 2



- **INTRODUCTION: SUMMARY OF WHAT IS COVERED IN THE LITERATURE REVIEW**
- ***PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF LITERATURE THAT PLACES THE RESEARCH WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ITS SUBJECT***
- **COVER THE MAJOR THEMES, ISSUES, AND DILEMMAS BEARING UPON THE PROBLEM AND PURPOSE YOU WILL BE ADDRESSING**
- ***INDICATE HOW YOUR RESEARCH ADDS AN IMPORTANT NEW DIMENSION***

LITERATURE REVIEW COVERAGE- 3



■ **RATIONALES FOR THE LITERATURE REVIEW CONSISTS OF ARGUMENTS ABOUT:**

◆ **WHAT IS KNOWN**

◆ **WHAT RESEARCH IS NEEDED**

→ **TO INFORM THE RESEARCHER**

→ **TO DETERMINE WHAT RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IS APPROPRIATE**

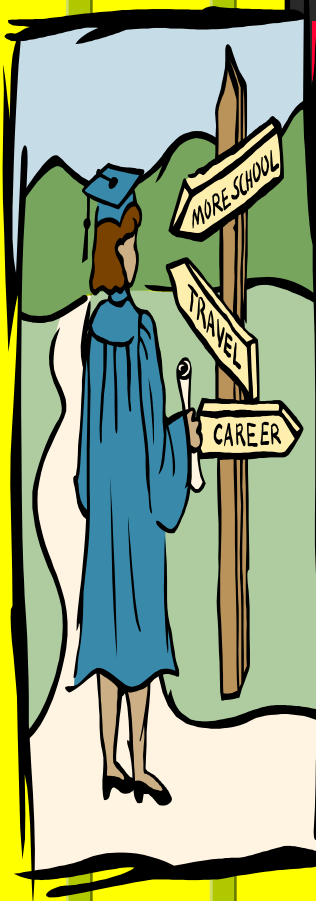
→ **TO JUSTIFY THE RESEARCH**

LITERATURE REVIEW COVERAGE- 4



- ALWAYS USE THE SAME PHRASE
- *GRAPHS: INTRODUCE IT BEFORE PRESENTING IT, AFTER INSERTION, DISCUSS IT; ANALYSIS OF DATA*
- REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC (PURPOSE) OR CHAPTER 1 AS YOU LEARN FROM YOUR LITERATURE REVIEW

LITERATURE REVIEW COVERAGE- 5



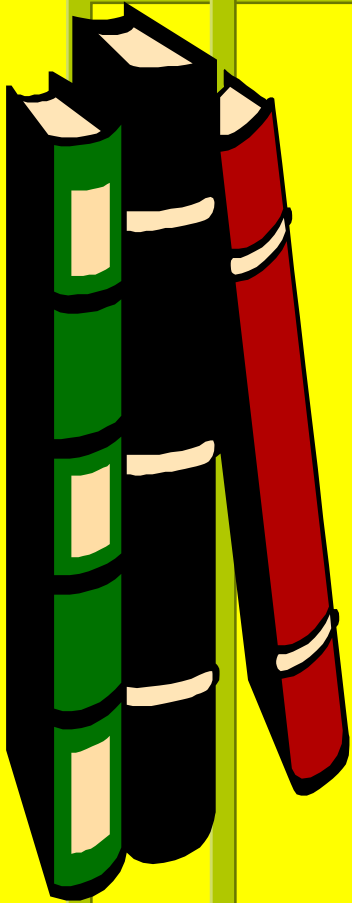
■ DISCUSS:

- ◆ IDEAS OF THEORISTS THAT AGREE
- ◆ OPPOSING IDEAS OF THEORISTS

■ *LINK TO FIND OTHER LITERATURE VIA AUTHORS BIBLIOGRAPHIES*

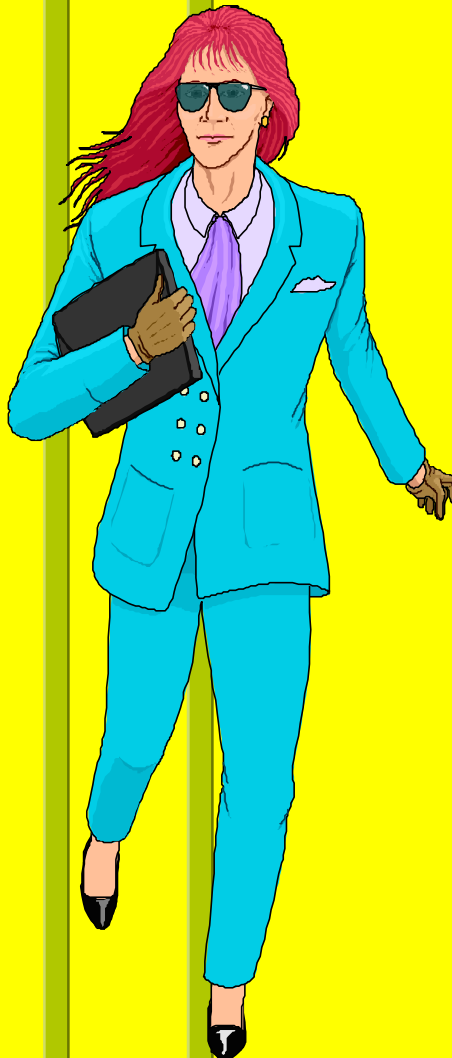
■ **ADD TO YOUR SUBHEADINGS & THEIR CONTENT AS YOU LEARN FROM THEORISTS READ**

LITERATURE REVIEW COVERAGE- 6



- **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE INCLUDED THE KEY LITERATURE RELATIVE TO YOUR RESEARCH**
- ***USUALLY THE LITERATURE REVIEW IS THE LONGEST CHAPTER OF YOUR PROPOSAL***
- **PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF KEY FACTS AND THEORIES THAT BEAR UPON YOUR RESEARCH**

CITATIONS



- ***CITE LITERATURE SOURCE OF ALL MATERIAL***
- ***IF THE MATERIAL COMES FROM YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, SO STATE***
- ***JOURNAL CITATIONS SHOULD BE FROM REFEREED OR PEER REVIEWED ONES***