

Evidence map

Ten to fifteen sources on your own question, mapped so that the gaps in the field are visible as features of a table.

Due before the Week 7 session — 17 September for Section 1, 20 September for Section 9. Week 7 asks you to construct your gap statement from this map, so it has to exist by then. Submit on myCourseVille.

This is not the same thing as Assignment 1. Assignment 1 appraises one paper in depth and is due before Week 5. The evidence map surveys a field in breadth and is due before Week 7. The four rows you built for Assignment 1 belong in this map — start from them rather than starting again.

What to submit

1 The search log.

The line from the Week 3 activity, for every search you actually ran: database • date searched • the full string • the filters • the number of hits. Two or three lines is normal. This is the Methods section of your map

2 The map — ten to fifteen sources.

Same six columns as the Week 3 matrix, plus one for the role each source plays. Write NONE in any cell the paper does not report

3 The annotation — one line per source.

Why this source is in the map. Not what it is about. One of: it supports the central claim • it contradicts another row • it is where a method comes from • it marks a boundary of the field

4 Two hundred words on what the map shows.

Which two rows disagree • which column is empty for every row • which condition every row shares. You will not have all three; report the ones you have

5 A Zotero export of the same items.

Select the collection, right-click, Export Collection, choose BibTeX or RIS. If the export is short of what the map claims, the map is the thing that is wrong

6 The AI-use declaration form, attached.

As with every submission from Week 3 onwards

How to get to ten to fifteen without padding

Start from four	The rows you built for Assignment 1 — your paper and its three neighbours
Follow the citations back	Take the two or three works your central papers lean on hardest. These are usually older and usually where the methods come from
Follow them forward	Who has cited your central paper since? Scopus and Web of Science both list this. This is where disagreements appear
Re-run the search with the synonym you missed	You will have missed one. Everybody does. Add the string to your log
Take the boundary cases	The papers at conditions nobody else tested. They are what make the empty column visible

Fifteen is a ceiling, not a target. Ten well-chosen sources with honest NONE cells beat fifteen with three that are in the table because they were easy to find. A row you cannot say the role of is a row that should not be there.

How it is marked

A weekly output, not one of the three graded assignments. Marked as complete or not complete, on four things:

	Complete means
The log	Every search that produced a row is written down and could be re-run tomorrow
The map	Ten to fifteen rows, comparable columns, NONE where nothing is reported
The annotation	Every row has a stated role — no row is there merely because it exists
The two hundred words	At least one finding read out of the table rather than out of a paper

It carries no mark of its own, and it is the single most useful thing you will make this term. Week 7 builds your gap statement out of it, the final project's Introduction is written from that gap statement, and both are much harder without it.

Evidence map

One row per source. Write NONE where a paper does not report something — the empty cell is the finding. Print a second copy of this page for rows 13 to 15.

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