Situation
- Your supervisor requests information concerning
  - A new development in your field
  - Exploration into a new product
  - How to expand a service

Objectives
- Identify current empirical sources used by researchers in your field of study.
- Conduct a library search for empirical sources in your field of study.

What Is a Literature Review?
- A summary or report on the literature, or printed material available on a particular subject over a specified period of time.
- It explains what is known about the problem, as this knowledge has been reported in published articles and reports.
- A writer may also use this to explain a choice of method or to show the rationale for his or her investigation.

Suggestions and Sources
- The more recent the information the better
- The more reputable the better
- Stringent rules for publication generally means more accurate information
- Journal articles
- Conference proceedings
- Reports (gov., univ.)
- Books
- Magazines
- Newsletters
- Booklets
- Brochures

Research Journals
- Research journals may be known as
  - Refereed journals
  - Professional journals
  - Empirical journals
Is it a Research Journal?
- Look in the front cover or on the web
  - Does the journal cover contain information regarding submission guidelines?
- What are they?
  - Do the articles have to go through any formal review process?

Research Article Characteristics
- The articles will contain elements of a formal research report.
  - Abstract
  - Background information
  - Research procedures
  - Research results
  - Conclusions

What Is So Important?
- Stringent publication guidelines required ensures accurate information
- Essential sources of current developments, improvements, and trends

Conducting a Literature Review
- Define the area to be studied
- Define the type of work to be reviewed
- Conduct library research of published material on your topic

As You Review Each Source
- Note the scope of the source
- Judge its value to the reader
- Paraphrase relevant and useful information in your report
- Cite bibliographic information accurately

What is a Literature Review?
- Convincing evidence of the problem
- Documentation of information already available
- Information about procedures used to determine relevant findings
What Do I Need to Cite?
- Sources of all facts and ideas that are not common knowledge to the intended audience
- Sources of all quotations
- If you are writing for publication in a professional field, use the style manual commonly used in that field or article
- Follow it exactly

Style Manual for AGCJ 404
- The style manual for AGCJ 404 will be the *APA Publication Manual* (5th ed.).

Documenting Sources
- Identifies where you obtained the facts, ideas, quotations, and paraphrases used in a report
- Allows readers to locate and consult the information given
- Gives proper credit to others so the writer can AVOID PLAGIARISM
- Journal information maybe on inside front cover or on the web

Parenthetical Documentation
- What style manual does your field of study commonly use?
  - MLA - handbook for writers of research paper
  - Modern Language Association of America
  - APA - publication manual of the American Psychological Association
  - CMS - Chicago Manual of Style

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Evaluation
- Journal assignment
- Midterm examination
- Research Brief Project