Example of Literature Review Organization

The literature review should narrow toward your specific area of study. Notice how the focus moves from the topic toward the hypotheses in a stair step manner in the example below.

**Topic:** Treating Clinical Depression with Cognitive Behavior Therapy.

What is the human, societal, and financial impact of depression?
What causes depression?

What are the current methods of treating depression?
How successful are current treatments?
What is Cognitive Behavior Therapy?
How has it worked to treat depression in the past?
Why might it work better than other modalities in this study?

Research questions

Hypotheses