For this assignment, on the first page, you will state your own research topic and write an original statement of purpose and a thesis statement. Following this, make a literature matrix using Microsoft Excel for 5 journal articles related to your research topic. Print the matrix along with the references and submit everything hard bounded to UPMET. Include the cover page as usual.

You must read all the 5 references in order to do the matrix. The literature matrix should contain the items below. You should be able to look for all of them in the 5 journal articles. You may simply copy/paste the information from the journal articles onto the matrix. However, some information may need you to type them in. Please ensure the information you enter into the matrix is correct.

1. Source – Year, author, name of journal, volume, page number.
2. Title
3. Research purposes or objectives
4. Gap in knowledge – reason(s) why the study was done
5. Type of data
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7. Data collection method
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An example is shown below.

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The objective of this assignment is to practice your literature search and identify the important information and features which are typical in research articles. It also allows you to be aware of how such information is written in order for you to compose your own research work.

**Due date: Week 6.**

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