Student, Ima G. “Psychology Literature Review: A Marked up Student Example from Owl at Purdue” Rev. of *Adolescent Depression and Attachment.* Purdue University: 1-9. PDF.

In the literature review “Adolescent Depression and Attachment” the author provides us with a reliable source to look back on before a reading a full annotated bibliography. In the introduction of the literature review the author must include things like a thesis statement explaining why the topic is important. In the case of the present review the author makes it clear that depression is a disorder that affects a considerable portion of the adolescent population and is something that requires some attention. Following the reason why the topic is important the author should go ahead and state the hypothesis of the study provided or the synthesized explanation of what the results have shown. You should also include the names of the authors that you are going to cite within the review. In the present the author exposes the hypothesis of why “insecurely attached adolescents, will display higher levels of depression related symptoms and behaviors than securely attached adolescents (Adolescent Depression 2).

Following the introduction you begin to include the actual literature reviews. In the article present the author decided to follow the following format. First she begins by stating the big idea of the section of the study that she is highlighting. This is important so the reader understands what exactly the experiment is looking to discover. In the present article she describes five different experiments that were done in order to provide support for the main hypothesis that was provided to reader in the introduction. Following this the author provides the audience with a brief description of what was done in the experiment. This part did not go into great detail but provided sufficient information for the reader to understand what happened in the experiment. Then the author provides the audience with results directly from the experiment and how they either support or dispute the hypothesis presented. Immediately following those results it is important to cite the author of the study that you decided to include in your literature review. Finally the discussion of that specific study should include the limitations that you noticed in the study and whether you believe they skewed the results in a significant way. For example “one limitation to the study is the sample consisted of all females. The correlation may have been significantly different had adolescent boys been involved” (Adolescent Depression 3). When moving from one literature review it is recommended that you include a smooth transition connection the two. “Doing so may provide more continuity to the paper”. Including other researcher’s names in later literature reviews that you have already discussed may also provide for a stronger paper because the studies all get tied up effectively under the main hypothesis. It is also important to remember that your audience may not be an expert in the field that you have investigated so if you are going to use field specific vocabulary make sure you define what it means.

Finally, in the conclusion of the literature review the author provides a brief statement summarizing the main idea of what the studies discovered. “Taken together, the results indicate that the attachment plays an important role in adolescent depression, significantly ambivalent or avoidant” (Adolescent Depression 8). Following that include the researcher’s name ones more to show that the results have some credibility behind them. After stating the fact behind the literature review then you may provide your opinion on what you think may make the studies more efficient and why believe that to be true.