

List of Active Verbs for Literature Review in Thesis/Dissertation

abandon	define	guide	put forth/forward
acknowledge	delineate	hypothesize	reclaim
adopt	depict	illuminate	recognize
advocate	depict	illustrate	record
allow	derive	imply	refer
alter	designate	indicate	reflect
analyze	detail	infer	reiterate
appear	determine	influence	report
argue	develop	inform	represent
assert	devise	insist	require
assess	disagree	interpret	restore
assume	discover	introduce	restrict
attribute	dispute	investigate	reveal
be aware	distinguish	invoke	revolve around
believe	distribute	isolate	seek
calculate	divide	join	separate
challenge	eliminate	link	set forth
characterize	emphasize	maintain	simplify
clarify	employ	mean	specify
classify	encompass	measure	speculate
combine	estimate	note	state
compare	evaluate	obtain	suggest
conceptualize	evolve	occur	sum up
conclude	exchange	organize	summarize
consider	explain	originate	support
construct	exploit	overlap	synthesize
construe	extend (on/upon)	point out	think
contain	extrapolate	postulate	underlie
contend	find	predict	use
continue	focus on	present	utilize
contribute	force	produce	view
criticize	forecast	propose	yield
decide	form	prove	
deduce	generalize	provide	