**Literature Review Assignment** (about 7- 8 pp, double-spaced using 12 font)

Mostly use journal articles, but can also use a good text or article in your references. In an earlier email I explained my style for dealing with the article information I come across.

You will be showing that you have read on your topic and have accumulated expert knowledge. Your presentation of the information will show that your topic is worth investigating. Paraphrase most of the information with some quotes thrown in to support the ideas of the research findings. Cite the paraphrases and the quotes. E.G.: (Lenarduzzi, 2013, p. 7).

*If I was approaching this assignment, one way I might do so is like this*:

1. Introduction

About 4 paragraphs consisting of:

* Explain why the topic is important (about 2-3 paragraphs of condensed/revised assignment 2)
* A paragraph that succinctly states what the overall research information is on the topic (with about three references)
* A brief paragraph that explains how the next pages will be organized (what is coming)

1. (The Body of the Lit Review) – Organized by the Topics/Themes

Write about each of the main ideas/themes that have emerged from of the articles. What the various articles say about that idea/finding. Compare the articles on what they say about that theme. Group similar findings and discuss them under headings.

Mention methodology/design of the research at times, especially if it aligns with your ideas for researching the topic.

If I found contradictory findings (which is great) I would bring these forth—either within the theme discussion or as a separate section near the end of the paper.

Bring forth the areas/extensions of the topic that researchers have noted for further study.

1. Summary

* One sentence that summarizes each of the themes.
* 1-3 sentences as to why your topic and your research questions are significant. (Suggested for research, and/or the benefits for insight and practice that could come from it).