Literature Review Update Project

Your assignment is to write an update of a review article that was written a number of years ago. In order to do this, you will select a research topic related to this course, find a review article on that topic written at least 10 years ago, research recent developments on the topic, and update the information presented in the original review article.

A literature review is a survey of scholarly articles, books and other sources relevant to a particular issue or area of research. A literature review provides a description, summary, and critical evaluation of each work examined. The purpose is to offer an overview of significant literature published on a topic. It is not a book review. A literature review should include the following components:

- An overview of the subject, issue or theory under consideration, along with the objectives of the literature review;
- Division of works under review into categories (e.g. those in support of a particular position, those against, and those offering alternative theses entirely);
- Explanation of how each work is similar to and how it varies from the others;
- Conclusions as to which pieces are best considered in their argument, are most convincing of their opinions, and make the greatest contribution to the understanding and development of their area of research.

In order to complete this assignment successfully, you should:

- Consult your professor on choosing an appropriate topic.
- Use reference books or databases to identify one literature review article that is at least 10 years old.
- Find at least ten (10) scholarly sources, including books and articles, tracing recent developments on your topic since the publication of the review article you found. These 10 sources should be cited in a stylistically correct bibliography and presented at the end of your paper.
- Write a review article of no less than XX words that address the following questions:
  - What is the research question that the original article addresses?
  - How does the information reviewed in the original article compare and contrast with that in the more recent articles?
  - What new major developments, information, or ideas evolved as the topic continued to be researched?
  - How are the recent publications are related (How do they “talk” to each other? Do they agree or disagree on certain issues? Do they address the same issue from different perspectives? Which make the most convincing arguments and why?
  - Are the conclusions of the research discussed in the original review article significantly different from recent findings and how?