Literature Review Assignment

This assignment fulfills the DOE Reading Endorsement Competency 5: The student reviews literature concerning reading assessments and decides upon appropriate assessment measures which apply knowledge of language development, literacy development and assessment to instructional practices.

The purpose of the Literature Review is to see the connections between research and the classroom. The pre-service teacher will conduct a review of the literature and synthesize 3 peer-reviewed, relevant journal articles regarding the student to which they have been assigned.

The audience of the Literature Review is the child’s teacher and/or other educational specialist who is seeking answers regarding the best practices for this particular student.

Your Literature Review should be completed following the steps below:

1. List the 5 Essential Questions you developed as a part of your Research Proposal. These questions should be your springboard for successfully identifying the child’s reading problems (as well as any other personal, relevant information that was included in your Essential Questions).

2. Based on those questions, seek out 3 peer-reviewed journal articles to help you explicitly identify the main cause of the child’s reading problems.

3. In LiveText, submit a document which synthesizes the 3 journal articles related to the reading deficiency. Conduct a thorough review of the research and how it connects to the student. Journal examples include: Reading Today, American Educator, etc. Provide examples from teacher-provided information as well as your own observations and data gathering to make the connections between the research and the student to which you’ve been assigned.

4. If possible, answer the 5 Essential Questions you asked in the literature review. You may not have been able to answer all of them. The ones that you can answer should reference the literature as well as the student-specific data.

Literature Review guidance:

- See the example on Falcon Online entitled “What is a Lit Review?”
- The literature review must be completed in APA Format.
- The literature review will vary in length; however, it must synthesize what the literature says about the reading deficiency you’ve identified regarding the student. All three articles must be intertwined together, coupled with relevant student information and data, not listed as separate articles with summaries of each.
- See the Writing Center handouts and websites provided during our session at ‘The Cellar’ as a resource.