Literature Review Resources. Assessment Description Successful completion of a doctoral dissertation requires significant amounts of independent reading on the research topic. This allows the doctoral learner/researcher to become familiar with the scope of the topic and to identify gaps or tensions within the existing literature on the topic. These gaps and tensions become the source of the dissertation research. In this assignment, you will read and annotate potential sources in your dissertation field of interest. Those demonstrating the most merit to the best of your understanding of the topic at this time should be added to your RefWorks list for potential inclusion in the literature review section of your dissertation. General Requirements: Use the following information to ensure successful completion of the assignment: It is strongly recommended that you engage in this activity throughout the duration of your program. You will be adding to this document to begin building a running literature review. You will have five sources in your list by the end of this assignment. Instructors will be scoring your submission based on the number of unique sources identified in the list submitted. Download the resource Literature Review Resources Tool and use it to complete the assignment. Doctoral learners are required to use APA style for their writing assignments. The APA Style Guide is located in the Student Success Center. Refer to the resource, "Preparing Annotated Bibliographies," located in the Student Success Center, for additional guidance on completing this assignment in the appropriate style. Directions: Read at least five empirical articles in your general dissertation field. In the "Literature Review Resources" document, provide the following for each source: The APA formatted citation. A brief annotation of the key points of the source. An indication of whether the source has been added to (Y) or excluded from (N) your RefWorks list. Attachments