Literature Review Checklist

Content:

_____ 1. Title & Introductory Paragraph
    _____ title is not “lit review”
    _____ purpose of your research is explained
    _____ value of research is clear (why do you want to study this)

_____ 2. Background Info
    _____ includes background info on all aspects of your test/problem
    _____ background info is relevant to understanding of your project or topic
    _____ diagrams are explained used to enhance understanding

_____ 3. Related Research – at least 2 studies – 1 high school and 1 scholarly
    (include who, where, when study was done)
    _____ Study 1 is described and relationship to your project is mentioned
    _____ Study 2 is described and relationship to your project is mentioned

_____ 4. Conclusion Paragraph
    _____ restates problem/question your are investigating
    _____ ties together background info and related research from main body of paper

_____ 5. Bibliography
    _____ at least six sources are included
    _____ variety of sources is used (at least two newspapers, magazines or journals)

Process:

_____ 1. Writing Mechanics
    _____ clear, focused writing (not wordy or chatty)
    _____ correct use of grammar and sentence structure enhances flow of paper
    _____ correct spelling is used consistently
    _____ appropriate use of topic sentences/transition statements (not just a list of facts!!)
    _____ information is presented in a logical order that enhances understanding of info
    _____ written in your own words (paraphrasing instead of copying)
    _____ word processed, double spaced, 12-point font

_____ 2. Bibliography and Citations
    _____ bibliography is alphabetical and in APA format
    _____ internal citations are in accepted format

_____ 4. Turned in on due date