The research paper is to include the following sections -AS THEY ARE LISTED BELOW, with the specific headings and subheadings within the Lit Review that are unique to your area of study.

**Overview of the Problem**: Explain and give an overview of the problem or population you have chosen to study. This should be a brief summary of what you will touch upon and should contain a history of the problem, some demographics and a statement of why this is an important area to for social work. Describe who, what, where, when, how and why of your research topic.

**Literature Review**: Present a review of the pertinent literature focusing on the social work literature when it is available. Articles should have been written within the last 10 years. Older material may be presented only if it is critical and of such importance that it is still considered contemporary.

Critically analyze the literature, compare and contrast what you read and note any conflicts or agreements in terms of how the problem is viewed or how the problem should be solved. A literature review is not a bibliography! You may review and present literature from the fields of psychology, sociology and psychiatry but the majority of articles should come from journals such as *Social Work*, *Clinical Social Work Journal*, and *Research in Social Work*. Books from well-known experts in the field are permitted only when absolutely necessary in order to make a complete presentation of your subject.
The overwhelming majority of your sources must be peer reviewed journal articles. You need to use a minimum of 15 to 20 sources.

**Solutions or Interventions:** Present the most up-to-date information that you can find regarding what needs to be done in order to alleviate the problem. Again, focus on the social work literature. Cover any biopsychosocial issues and include any relevant information regarding, clinical intervention, social policy or social welfare. What has been done, what is being done, what works, what doesn’t work and why. Discuss issues at the individual, family, community and societal level. Throughout your paper, and lit review you must address issues regarding diversity, race, ethnicity, religion and social justice. If a problem affects one population more than another population you must report on why this is the case.

**Summary:** Summarize the research and present your thoughts and ideas in relationship to what you have learned.

Remember that a literature review is not just a report, analyze and discuss what you are studying. Assume that I know nothing about the subject. Integrate all knowledge you have gained during the course regarding social work knowledge, values and skills, fields of practice or methods of intervention if relevant to your discussion. Integrate course work into your discussion when relevant (i.e. information on fields of practice we have covered or interventions such as group work or case management if relevant).
ALL CITATIONS MUST BE IN APA STYLE, DO NOT QUOTE DIRECTLY UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, PARAPHRASE AND ANALYZE!

You will be responsible to formally present your research to the class. Presentations will be given by each of the 4 class groups. Presentation dates will be assigned.

ANYONE WHO IS ABSENT FOR ANY PRESENTATION WILL NOT HAVE HIS OR HER OWN PRESENTATION GRADED!!!!!