**LITERATURE SEARCHING: SOME STRATEGIES**

**Literature Review Guide: louisville.libguides.com/litreview**

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**Source Grid:** Using a table in Word or Excel to organize your literature and identify key themes and patterns (similar to the literature review matrix). See reverse side for more information.

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**Example Source Grid (Switzer & Perdue, 2011)**



Switzer, A., & Perdue, S. W. (2011). Dissertation 101: a research and writing intervention for education graduate students. *Education Libraries*, *34*(1), 4-13.