

How to use key concepts to develop an outline

Here's an example of how the process might work.

EXAMPLE:

The three key concepts in the [P/P/RQ worksheet](#) could start an outline:

- Dissertation Completion
- Student Centered Dissertation Advising
- Anxiety about Doing Research

Then, you can expand each of them to include related ideas that might be important

- Dissertation Completion
 - Barriers to completing the dissertation
 - Supports for completing the dissertation
- Student Centered Dissertation Advising
 - Traditional Dissertation Advising Models
 - Student Centered Dissertation Advising
- Anxiety about Doing Research
 - Anxiety and Learning
 - Anxiety Towards Research

The final Chapter Two may or may not have these as the actual headings. The purpose that this list is serving is to focus you on what topics you need to search for in the literature.

From this list, you would know that you need to start with a literature review about “barriers to dissertation completion” then doing a search on “supports for dissertation completion” and so on. You may find threads of research that lead you to change this “outline”. That’s normal. Make changes as you need to.