**The Preliminary Literature Review - 10 points**

I believe getting a full 10 points in the beginning of the semester will feel great! Start working on the topic immediately once you have a topic.

The preliminary literature review is simply a one (preferable) or two-page (at most) document that contains the following:

1. **Title** (1 point)

Title must be concise and relevant to the table of content and section titles

1. **Abstract** (3 points)

If you never wrote an abstract, you need to learn how to write it. Abstract must be less then 500 words and serve as an executive summary of the paper. Use APA citation format.

1. **Outline** for the final paper (potential table of contents, section titles) (3 points)

Think about the section titles after reviewing the sources. Do not include any explanations under the titles, just the titles are required.

1. **Bibliography** with a minimum of four journal and/or textbook references.  These must be real journals, which you can find in online sources but cannot be only online web sites like blogs.  In addition, you can use one or two, maximum of two, web sources such as Wikipedia if it helps you with a definition; however, the majority of your paper must be based on real journal and/or textbook references. (3 points)

The following links might be helpful if you are not familiar with writing a literature review:   [How to Write a Literature ReviewLinks to an external site.](http://graduate.asu.edu/node/781)  and   [Getting Started on a Literature ReviewLinks to an external site.](http://libguides.asu.edu/content.php?pid=446378&sid=3660448)   These links identify one or two extra items for thesis and dissertations that you do not need to include (such as your original research work, etc.).