Identifying Theories & Landmark Studies
Learning Objectives

✓ Use other dissertations & articles as roadmaps to help you find theories & landmark studies

✓ Find the primary source through NovaCat or Journal Finder

✓ Conduct cited searching in the Web of Science database to find articles that have had a lot of impact

✓ Cross search to find other studies which have used the theory
Using Other Dissertations & Articles as Roadmaps
Read, Read, Read!

The best way to theories and landmark studies for your dissertation is to read other dissertations and articles.
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Read through the Literature Review sections of articles & dissertations. Which articles keep appearing in multiple articles & dissertations?

Review the references section to find full citations for articles.
The theory will usually be located in one of the first few chapters.
The theoretical basis for teacher efficacy beliefs is social cognitive theory (Bandura, 1997). Social cognitive theory argues that behavior is not the result of individuals or groups acting autonomously or as exclusive conveyers of the social structure (Bandura, 1997; 1989a; 1989b). More accurately, behavior is part of an interdependent causal structure where internal personal factors (e.g., affect, cognition, and biological events), environmental influences, and human behavior operate as causal reciprocal determinants; this is known as triadic reciprocal causation (Bandura, 1997; Pajares, 1996; Bandura 1989a; 1989b). According to Pajares (1996), triadic reciprocal causation occurs when internal personal factors and environmental influences
Look for the corresponding citation in the reference list to get the full citation.

Instructional leadership practices and teacher efficacy beliefs: Cross-national evidence from TALIS

Is this citation a book or an article?
How to Find the Primary Source of the Theory:
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Read through the literature review sections of dissertations and articles.

Adhering to DuFour’s (2004) first big idea of ensuring that students learn, the teachers coordinate their collective efforts in a manner to ensure timely identification of struggling students. The goal is to ensure that these students benefit from intervention, rather than from remediation. Teachers are not required to devote the additional time needed to learn concepts with which they struggle, rather than teach simply by waiting or encouraging them to participate. For example, students experience difficulty learning to attend tutoring assistance in order to master concepts (DuFour, 2004).


Finding the Full Text of an Article
Landmark Studies in the Web of Science Database
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4. Web of Knowledge - Thomson (Web of Knowledge)
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Author(s): Storek, Josephine; Furnham, Adrian
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Published: NOV 1 2013
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2. Title: The use of a gesture-based system for teaching multiple intelligences: A pilot study
Author(s): Tutwiler, Shane; Lin, Ming-Chao; Chang, Chun-Yen
Source: BRITISH JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY Volume: 44 Issue: 5 Pages: E133-E138 DOI:
Published: SEP 2013
Times Cited: 0 (from Web of Science)
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3. Title: Characteristics Leading Teachers to Nominate Secondary Students as Gifted in Spain
Author(s): Hernandez-Torrano, Daniel; Dolores Prieto, Maria; Ferrandiz, Carmen; et al.
Source: GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY Volume: 57 Issue: 3 Pages: 181-196 DOI: 10.1177/0016986213490197 Published: JUL 2013
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1. MAPIT: Development of a web-based intervention targeting substance abuse treatment in the criminal justice system
   Walters, Scott T, PhD; Odersma, Steven J, PhD; Ingersoll, Karen S, PhD; Rodriguez, Mayra, MPA; Lerc, Jennifer, MA; et al. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment 46.1 (Jan 2014): 60.
   ...interviewing, and social cognitive theory. The first session (completed near the
   Citation/Abstract

2. Marital Dining Practices: Affecting Change in Marital Satisfaction Through Marital Self-Efficacy
   ...the theoretical lens of Social Cognitive Theory, the hypothesis of this study is
   Citation/Abstract

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