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Literature Review for Introduction vs. Discussion

Introduction



Use previous literature to introduce your research



Discuss subject-specific literature after the general introduction



Identify knowledge gaps based on previous literature

Discussion



Use previous studies to explain or reinforce your findings



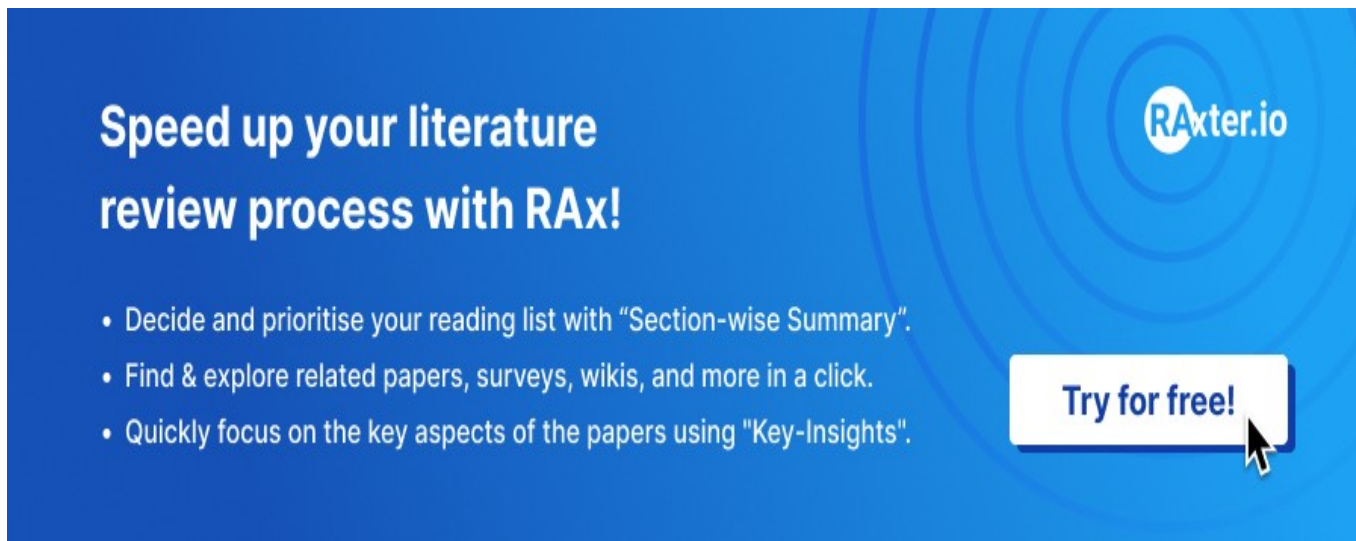
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