

Reading Matrix Template

The following matrix has been filled in as an example of how to compile your reading notes. To get a clearer sense of the ideas from each article you read, you will need to include more detail than is shown here.

Example topic: To what extent are university staff responsible for creating a sense of belonging among students? Discuss.

THEMES from readings	Hale et al. (2020)	Baracco (2020)	Ahn & Davis (2020)	Martin et al. (2016)	Times Higher Education (2022)	WHAT DO I THINK? What conclusions can I draw?
It is important to build a culture of inclusion.	Teaching staff can assist successful interactions between international & domestic students in & out of class; encourage all opinions & discussions.	Teaching staff can use a variety of strategies in classroom to encourage student interactions & new friendships.	Four domains promote belonging: academic & social engagement, surroundings, & personal spaces.		Ensure collaboration between different levels of university management (all staff); offer social activities in 1st year; offer group programs on career development.	Teaching & non-teaching staff are responsible for creating a culture of inclusion that encourages students from all backgrounds to feel connected to the university space & to interact with each other.
Students' self-efficacy & sense of identity are key to sense of belonging.			Students' understandings of who they are, & how satisfied they are as a student, are fundamental to their sense of belonging.	Students who doubt their own abilities are potentially at risk of withdrawing from university life.		A clear sense of purpose, ability & identity as a student are important to the process of building a sense of belonging.
Benefits of sense of belonging impact many aspects of students' lives.	Influences students' social confidence & removes social, academic & cultural barriers.		Creates a greater sense of identity & vocational purpose.		Improves ability to manage stress, greater engagement in university life.	Sense of belonging positively impacts students' sense of self, their ability to study, find direction & engage with uni life.



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- Compile your reading notes in the table below to gain an overview of the different viewpoints from the articles you are reading.
- Doing this helps identify any common or opposing views AND records your sources so you can cite them in your writing.
- Formulate your own opinion based on this summary of your readings.

My assignment topic: _____

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