**Reading Synthesis Matrix**

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| References  (author, date) | Context  (research question, hypothesis, purpose/  reason for study, setting) | Methodology  (sample, methods used, type of study) | Main findings | Conclusions | Limitations, gaps | So what of study, contribution to the field, future directions | Link to other studies reviewed | Link to my work | Themes  that have emerged |
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* What are the similarities and differences in the literature (identify)?
* Critically analyse the differences, strengths, limitations, debates, and themes that emerge.
* What would you suggest for future research, or practice?
* Where are the gaps in the literature: what is missing (identify/why)?
* What new questions should be asked?