

Alignment Worksheet

Key-piece alignment is essential to creating and writing a quality dissertation. By identifying the key pieces and testing them for alignment, a writer is often able to make profound high-level revisions on a conceptual scale before moving down to lower level, more local edits. To facilitate this process, before you come to our meeting, please provide a short summary for each of the following. If you are unsure of an answer, just write "not sure."

What is the problem? (The reason we need to ask a question.)

What is your research question?

What are the categories of your literature review?

What are your data?

How were your data collected?

How did you analyze your data?

What are your key findings?

What is the significance of these findings?