## Chapter 5 Searching, Critically Reviewing and Using the Literature

Activity		Complete?		
Choose search items for your literature review	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Search bibliographic databases	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Search library catalogues	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Look at existing theses and dissertations	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Look at grey literature	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Look at conference papers	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Look at official publications, statistics and archives	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Consult your course reading lists	Yes□	No 🗆	N/A □	
Look at social networking sites	Yes□	No□	N/A 🗆	
Join relevant professional associations	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Look at organizations' websites	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Track changes to websites using the Internet Archive	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Contact key authors	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Avoid using Wikipedia as a main source	Yes□	No 🗆	N/A □	
Devise practical screening criteria	Yes□	No 🗆	N/A □	
Devise quality concepts	Yes□	No 🗆	N/A □	
Create a research log	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Identify themes and gaps in your existing knowledge	Yes□	No□	N/A 🗆	
Synthesize and analyse the literature	Yes□	No□	N/A 🗆	
Provide an up-to-date understanding of the subject	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Discuss strengths and weaknesses of existing literature	Yes□	No□	N/A □	
Reference your sources	Yes□	No□	N/A □	