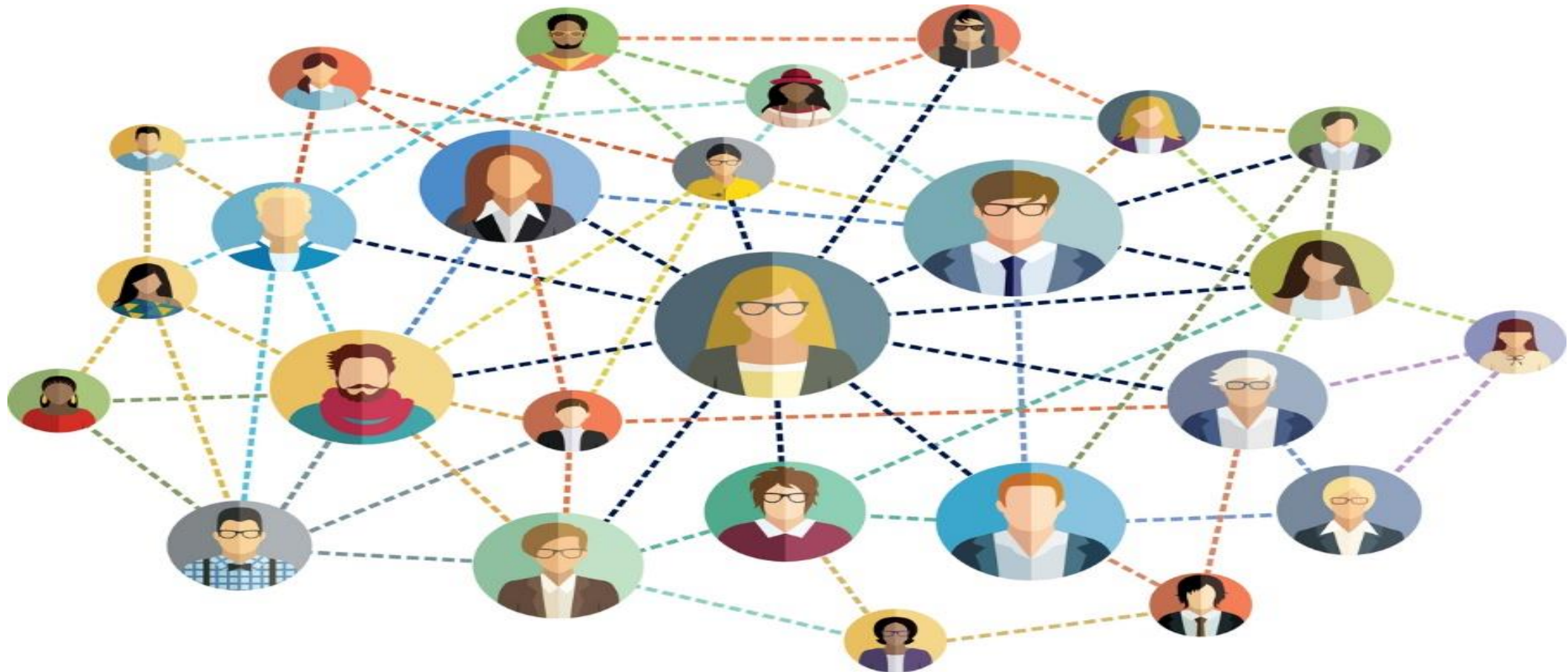


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**Creating a literature
review**

Context: scholarly conversation



What is it & what does it do?

- Review of the scholarly conversation
- Shows you know about your topic
- Demonstrates your skills in
 - locating key resources
 - critically appraising them
- Puts your work in context & justifies it
 - What has/hasn't been done
 - Key debates & perspectives
 - Identifies gap

Format & structure

GOOD	BAD
Thematic: Synthesizes into themes and patterns	Sequential: Annotated bibliography or list
Analysis: Critical evaluation	Description: Summary
Focused: Related to your question	Vague: On your general topic

Example: review article

Abstract

When and how do governments deliver public goods and services in response to citizen preferences? We review the current literature on government responsiveness, with a focus on public goods and service delivery in developing countries. We identify three types of actors that are commonly present in these accounts: politicians, bureaucrats, and citizens. Much of this literature examines interactions between dyads of these actors. The study of electoral accountability and constituency services emphasizes relationships between citizens (or voters) and politicians. Studies of bureaucratic incentives and political oversight of bureaucrats emphasize interactions between politicians and bureaucrats. Finally, studies of bureaucratic embeddedness and citizen oversight of bureaucrats elaborate the interactions between bureaucrats and citizens. We argue that an emerging literature that considers interactions between all three types of actors provides rich theoretical and empirical terrain for developing our understanding of responsiveness and accountability in low- and middle-income countries and beyond.

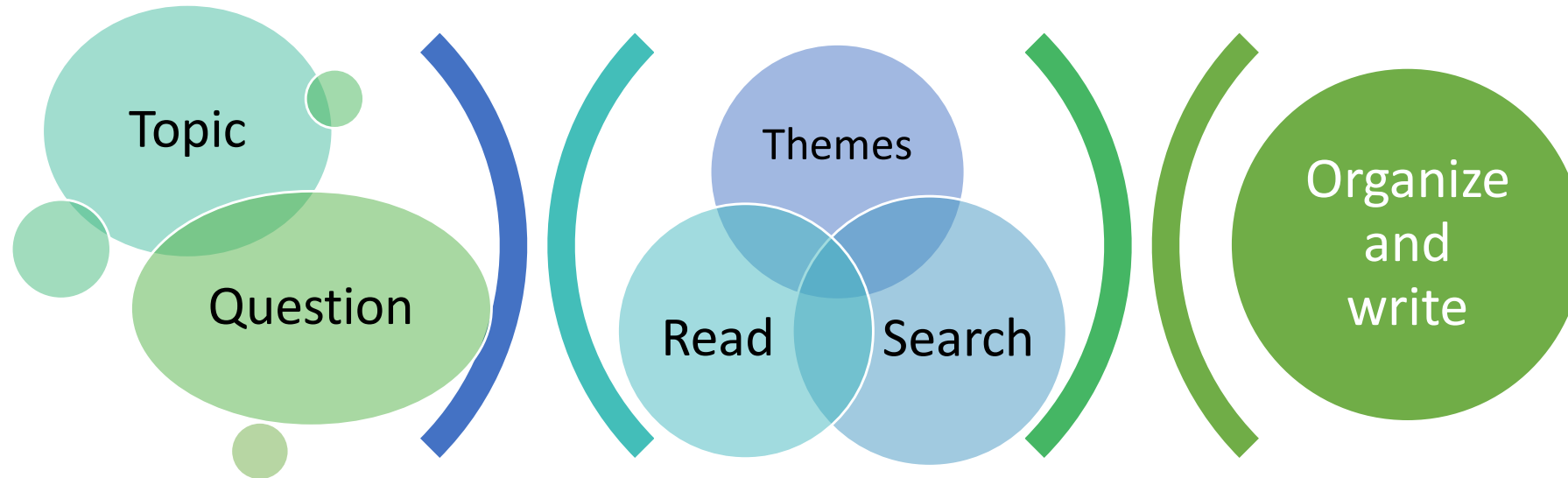
Annual Review of Political Science

Government Responsiveness in Developing Countries

Guy Grossman¹ and Tara Slough²

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Process & steps



Topic/Research question

- Choose & focus your topic
- Create a research question
- Affects entire research project
- Can't do lit review before question

Literature search

- Search strategically
- Experiment
- Find commonly used terms & variations

- Example: Indigenous self-governance
 - Indigenous OR Aboriginal OR native
 - self-governance OR self-determination OR self-rule

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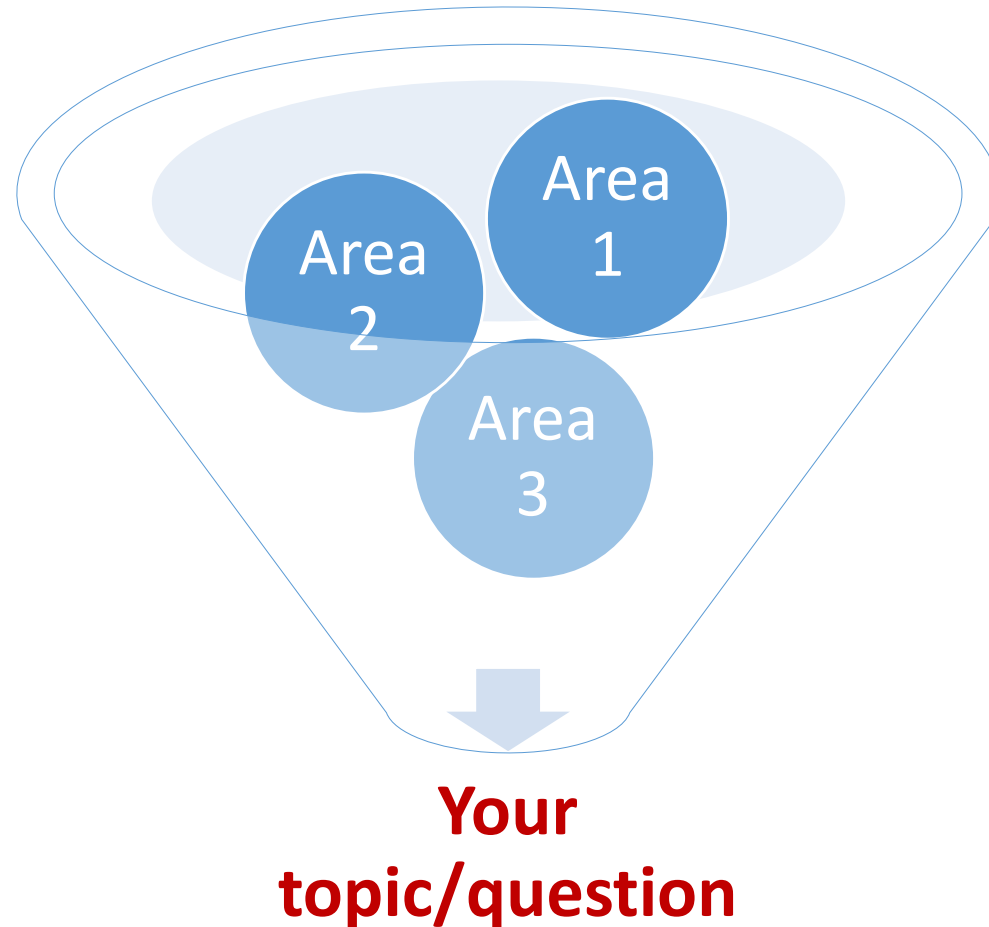
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There's nothing on my topic...

Equal pay for
female vs
male
politicians



How much is enough?

- Depends on your topic & requirements
- Selective: choose the best
- Include the key people/studies
- Use Works Cited/Bibliographies
- Stop when you keep seeing the same references

Track your sources

- Keep track as you go along
- Saves lots of time later
- Use a citation management/research organization tool

Zotero: organization tool

The screenshot displays the Zotero application window titled "Test - Zotero". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel (Library Structure):** Shows a tree view under "My Library" with folders like "Accessibility", "Audiences", "disability", "Test" (selected), "UDL/UDI", "My Publications", "Duplicate Items", "Unfiled Items", and "Trash".
- Center Panel (Item List):** A table listing items with columns for "Title" and "Creator". The selected item is "Foucault Goes to Weight Watchers" by "Heyes". Other items include "Accessibility budget thoughts.docx", "Cyborgs and Barbie dolls: feminism, popular ...", "Home | Laurier Library", "Municipal election forms.", "Paying attention and the incumbency effect...", "The boundaries of the self and the unhealthy...", "The market value of political partisanship: Q...", and "Voting 'Ford' or Against: Understanding Stra...".
- Right Panel (Item Details):** Shows metadata for the selected item:
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 - Abstract: This article argues that commercial wei...
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- Bottom Panel (Tags):** A list of tags including "Analysis", "Attitudes", "Ballots", "Candidates", "capitalization", "Cities", "City councils", "Data analysis", "Discontinuity", and "Economic impact".

Analytical reading

- Read strategically:
 - How does this relate to my topic/question?
 - How is it useful?
 - What are the main findings, arguments, etc?
 - What is the theory & framework?
 - What are the strengths & weaknesses?
 - **How does it relate to other studies?**

Keep notes

	Source 1	Source 2	Source 3	Source 4
Key arguments				
Themes				
Method				
Theory or approach				
Weaknesses				
Relationship to other studies				

Synthesis & Analysis

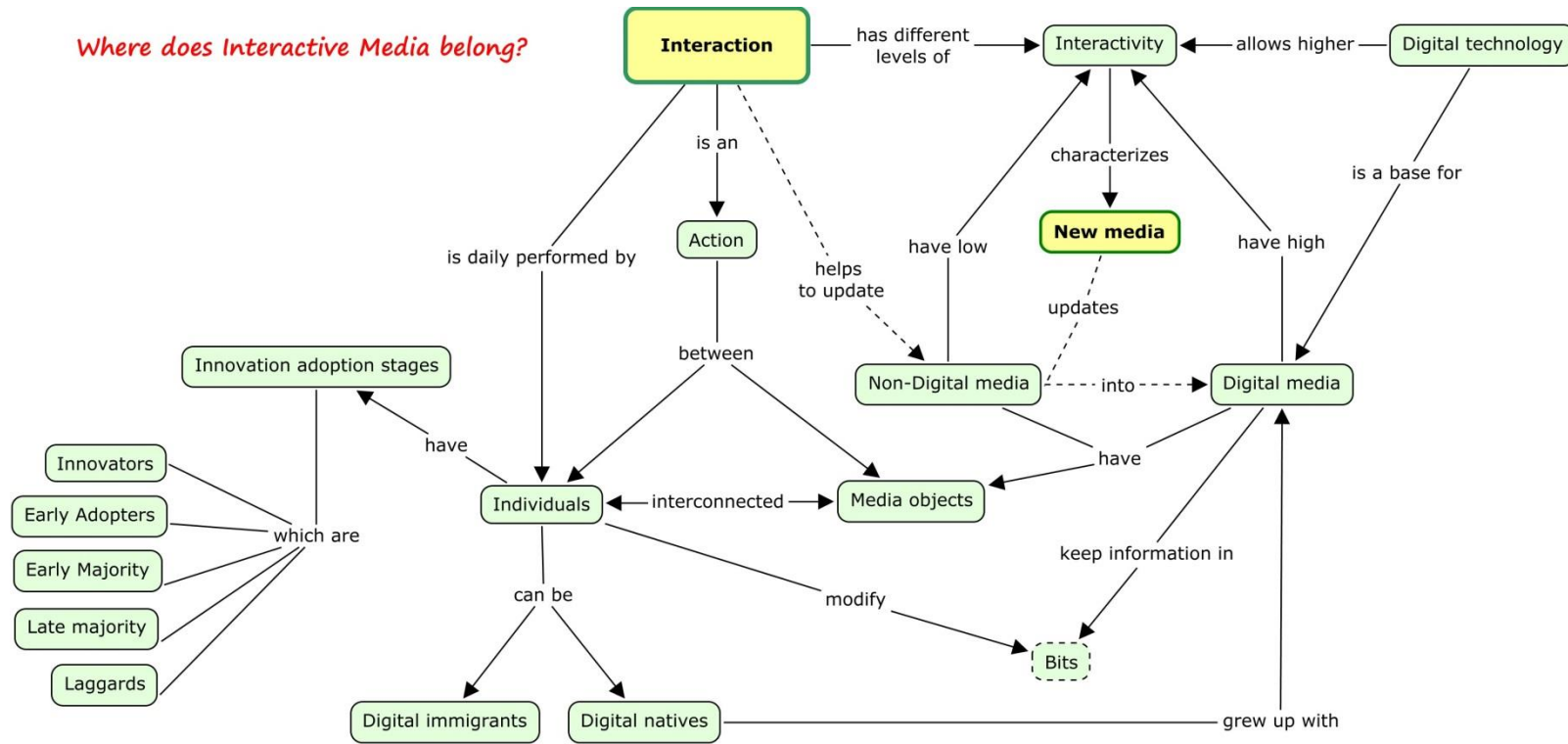
- Group into themes, patterns
- Code or annotate
- Think about:
 - Most significant findings, themes
 - What areas have researchers focused on (or not)?
 - What theories/methods are used?
 - Changes/developments over time?
 - Relationship to my research?

Synthesis strategies

- Note cards or sticky notes
- Searchable notes (e.g. Zotero)
 - Use controlled vocabulary
- Matrix/chart
- Concept map

Concept map

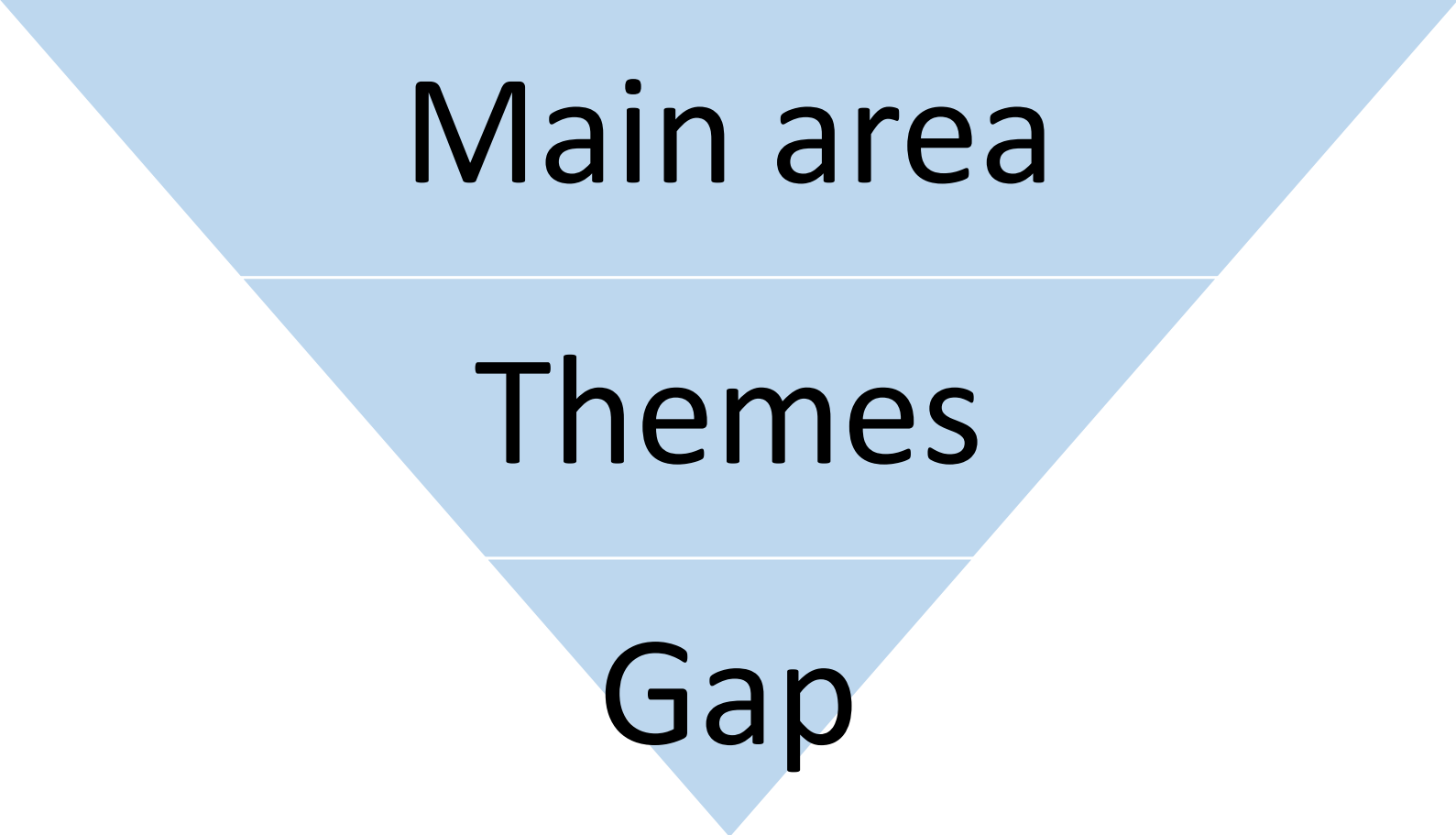
Where does Interactive Media belong?



Organize & write

- Provides rationale for your study
- How do you build on/depart from existing work?

Typical organization



Main area

Themes

Gap

Writeonline.ca

The screenshot displays the homepage of Writeonline.ca. At the top left is the logo 'writeonline.ca'. On the right side of the top navigation bar are four dropdown menus: 'Case Study Report', 'Lab Report', 'Literature Review', and 'Reflective Writing'. The main content area features the heading 'Academic Writing' with the subtext 'Choose a genre.' Below this are four circular icons representing different genres: 'Case Study Report' (orange circle with a bar chart), 'Lab Report' (purple circle with a flask), 'Literature Review' (green circle with two pens), and 'Reflective Writing' (red circle with a fountain pen). At the bottom, it states 'Writing Guides prepared by:' followed by the logos of the University of Guelph, the University of Waterloo, and Wilfrid Laurier University. A small copyright notice 'Images © Thinkstock' is located at the very bottom center.

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