**Your Dissertation’s “True North” | Problem Statement Reflection**

As you watch the Problem Statement video, use the space below to capture any ideas that seem important to you. Then, reflect on the questions below as you prepare to write a draft of your problem statement. If you’ve already prepared a draft of your problem statement, then use this opportunity to critically evaluate your problem statement and revise it, if needed.

**How can you use the problem statement as your “True North” to help you conceptualize the structure of your literature review?**

1. What is the **context** of the problem you seek to address?

*Context refers to the background, environment, framework, or setting in which a particular event or concept exists. In research and academic writing, understanding and conveying the context is vital, especially when framing a research problem statement.*

1. What is the **knowledge gap** you seek to address?

*Knowledge Gap refers to the unexplored or under-explored areas in a particular field of study. It's an aspect or area where insufficient information or understanding exists, hindering progress or clarity. Identifying the knowledge gap helps in focusing the research on what is not known or not well understood, providing direction and purpose to the literature review.*

1. What is the **significance** of the problem you seek to address?

*Significance refers to the importance or relevance of the research problem in a broader academic, societal, or practical context. It explains why the problem is worth investigating and highlights the potential impact or contribution of the research. Understanding the significance helps in aligning the research with broader goals and emphasizes the value of addressing the identified problem.*