What?

- Write a review of the literature in a targeted area of NLP
- Decide on a topic in next two weeks
- Your final writeup will be due at 11:59pm on Thursday, April 28
How?

• Choose a coherent area of NLP
  • At least 5 (4120) or 10 (6120) papers
  • Common task, dataset, or method
• What problem were the authors trying to solve/did they solve?
• What problems remain open?
• Now optional: Can you (nontrivially) reimplement/replicate some key result?
Why?

• Literature reviews are written *for* something
• Scouting reports for new research
• The fun of speculation and mocking benighted predecessors...
  • without the pain of implementation and failure
When?

- Over the next week or so:
  - Think about interesting NLP applications, or problems you wish were solved
  - By next class (March 16), send me an email with your pitch and at least two example papers by different authors
  - I’ll give feedback; we’ll iterate, meet, etc.
What Next?

• Before 4pm on April 20,

  • Send me one (1) PDF slide with your name and anything you’d like to say about your literature review topic

  • Spend no more than 4 minutes in class talking about your topic and any lessons you’ve learned so far and answering questions