

TABLE 9.6 ■ Template for Thematic Chart

Theme A (List each theme separately)

Name the theme

List keywords that describe the theme. These words can be gleaned from supporting quotations and from the literature.

Overview

Explain and describe the theme or phenomenon.

Findings/Outcomes

List studies' findings that contribute to and are evidence of your stated theme.

Participant Perspectives

To ensure that you are providing a representative sampling of research participants' perspectives, you will need to support your theme by including a comprehensive range of views that explain and illustrate the theme. To do this, select a broad variety of relevant and illustrative verbatim quotations.

Moving From Findings to Action

List key questions that will stimulate further discussion and critical reflection. These questions serve as a springboard into analysis and interpretation for the next chapter. Questions should be open ended so as to elicit deep responses. In addition to "What?" and "How?" ask: Why? Why not? What if? What if not? What else? How else? In what way(s)?