



Scholarly vs. Non-Scholarly Sources

| <p>Check off the boxes to determine whether your article is scholarly or not</p> | <p>Scholarly Articles</p>  | <p>Non-Scholarly Articles</p>  |
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| <p>Who writes the articles?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scholars and researchers in the field</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Names & credentials are clearly stated</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Journalists/ staff writers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Names are not always noted</p> |
| <p>What is the purpose of the articles?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> To share the results of primary research & experiments with experts in their field</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> To inform or entertain</p> |
| <p>Who reads the articles</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subject matter experts in the field</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Those interested in the topic at a research level- researchers, college students, professors, etc.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Anyone</p> |
| <p>How long are the articles?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Articles may be lengthy, approximately 6 to 30+ pages</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Articles may be short, approximately 1 to 5 pages</p> |
| <p>Who decides which articles are published?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Experts in the field review each article for accuracy, relevance, etc. (the peer review process)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Editors and other writers of the publication decide based on consumer appeal- no peer review</p> |
| <p>How do the articles look?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> The majority have a simple black-and-white format, charts, graphs, statistics, list of references, minimal or no advertising</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lots of pictures, photographs, advertisements- designed to appeal to the general public</p> |
| <p>Do the articles cite their sources?</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Always- using the official citation style appropriate to the discipline (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rarely- though may link to a source/ mention sources informally in the text of the article</p> |