



Unique Characteristics of Scholarly Journals and Popular Magazines

<p>How can you tell the difference between these two types of periodicals?</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Scholarly Journal</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Popular Magazine</p>
<p>How long are the articles?</p>	<p>Usually longer articles, providing in-depth analysis of topics</p>	<p>Usually shorter articles, providing broader overviews of topics</p>
<p>Who wrote the articles?</p>	<p>The author is usually an expert in the field and their name and credentials are almost always provided</p>	<p>Author is usually a staff writer or a journalist and their name and credentials are often not provided</p>
<p>Does the type of language in the articles suggest an intended reading audience?</p>	<p>Written in the jargon of the field for scholarly readers (professors, researchers or students)</p>	<p>Written in non-technical language for a general audience</p>
<p>What is the structure of the articles?</p>	<p>Articles may include these specific sections: abstract, literature review, methodology, results, conclusion, bibliography</p>	<p>Articles do not necessarily follow a specific format or structure</p>
<p>Are there illustrations?</p>	<p>Tables of statistics, graphs, maps, or photographs that support the text are often included</p>	<p>Illustrations with glossy or color photographs are usually included for advertising purposes</p>
<p>Who are the Editors?</p>	<p>Articles usually reviewed and critically evaluated by a board of experts in the field (refereed)</p>	<p>Articles are evaluated by editors on staff</p>
<p>Is a bibliography or list of works cited included?</p>	<p>A bibliography (works cited) and/or footnotes are always provided to document research thoroughly</p>	<p>A bibliography (works cited) is usually not provided; names of reports or references may be mentioned in the text</p>

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