



Scholarly Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, ...

How to Tell the Difference

	Scholarly Journals	News Magazines, Newspapers and Topical Magazines	Popular Magazines
Examples			
Appearance	Text-heavy Usually no (or few) ads Plain looking	Balance of text and photos Ads Colorful	Image-heavy Attention-getting visuals Lots of ads Colorful
Content	Long articles Academic vocabulary Original research Reader = scholar	Medium and short articles Technical terms explained News and information Reader = public	Brief articles 4 th grade vocabulary Information/entertainment Reader = public
Author's Credentials	Experts & Scholars	Journalists	Writers
Editorial Oversight	Peer review (gold standard) Editor review	Editor review Fact checking	Editor review (Fact checking?)
Format & Style	Abstract Introduction Literature Review Methodology Findings & Discussion Charts & Graphs Conclusion	Headlines Sub-headings Call-outs Images	Headlines Sub-headings Call-outs Images
Citation of Sources	All sources are cited In-text citations or footnotes References or Bibliography	Some sources identified Most quotes attributed Occasionally cite sources via links	Few sources identified May attribute quotes
Library Search Filter	Limit source type to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> peer reviewed academic journals 	Limit source type to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> newspapers magazines 	Limit source type to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspapers magazines