



## Scholarly Journals vs. Popular Magazines

### Characteristics

### Scholarly

### Popular

How can you tell the difference between these two types of periodical articles?



### Length

Longer articles, providing in-depth analysis of topics

Shorter articles, providing broader overviews of topics

### Authorship

Author usually an expert or specialist in the field, name and credentials always provided

Author usually a staff writer or a journalist, name and credentials often not provided

### Language/Audience

Written in the jargon of the field for scholarly readers (professors, researchers or students)

Written in non-technical language for anyone to understand

### Special Features

Illustrations that support the text, such as tables of statistics, graphs, maps, or photographs

Illustrations with glossy or color photographs, usually for advertising purposes

### Editors

Articles usually reviewed and evaluated by a board of experts in the field (refereed)

Articles not evaluated by experts in the field, but by editors on staff

### Credits

A bibliography (works cited) and/or footnotes are always provided to document research thoroughly

A bibliography (works cited) is usually not provided, although names of reports or references may be mentioned in the text