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Library Research Project Evaluation Form: Scholarly Journal Article

Is the journal article: ___ PAPER ___ ONLINE

Citation Information for Bibliography or Works Cited Page:
Author:

Title of article:

Title of journal or source:
Volume: **Issue:** **Date:** **Pages:**
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Authority
Use the chart on the back of this sheet to evaluate the article's authority. Put a check in each appropriate box of the chart.

What 3 criteria exemplifies why this article is scholarly?
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Purpose (Circle as many as are applicable)

Inform Entertain Persuade Other (Explain)
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Timeliness (Circle one answer for each question)

Is the copyright date appropriate for your research subject? Yes No

Is the information in this article likely to be outdated? Yes No
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Point of View / Bias

Sometimes it is possible to determine the author's point of view and/or potential bias by reading information that is included in the article about the author. Can you determine anything about the author's point of view or potential bias?
Yes No
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Relevancy to Research

Is this article relevant to your information needs? Yes No

How does the information in this article compare with the other sources you are using for this project? (Circle one)
Better Equivalent Inferior Can't Decide Other (Explain)
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Evaluation – Provide a paragraph descriptive evaluation below which discusses why you believe this would be a quality resource for your research paper.

How is a scholarly article different from a popular magazine article?

Place a check mark in the box of each description that applies to the journal article you have chosen. When a print copy is available, you can look through the journal to see the types of articles, advertisements, and scope of the journal. For online journals, while you usually can't view the entire journal, you can check out the publisher and scope of the journal, check to see if the author has written other articles on the same topic, or see if the journal is peer reviewed.

NOTE: A journal may be scholarly, but include articles within it that don't meet the following criteria. These may include book reviews and editorials.

Scholarly Journals & Articles	Popular Magazines & Articles
☐ contain graphs and charts and articles often have parts: abstract, methodology, results, findings, etc…	☐ contain lots of graphics and colored pictures. Article headings may be "attention grabbing" rather than content driven
☐ include a list of cited sources in footnotes and/or a bibliography	☐ do not contain a list of the resources that were used to write the article
☐ may be published by a professional society, organization or association Example: American Psychological Association	☐ are published by a company Example: Time/Warner
☐ include limited advertisements related to that subject field Example: scholarly books or publications	☐ contain glossy advertisements unrelated to article
☐ use terminology that is specific to a subject discipline	☐ are written to appeal to a wide audience
☐ are found in libraries and other academic, medical or scientific settings	☐ can be purchased at a grocery store
☐ contain articles approved by author's peers or editorial boards	☐ contain articles chosen by editors who are employed by the magazine
☐ often have longer articles (7+ pages)	☐ have articles which are often much shorter (1/4 page to 5 pages)
Examples: American Journal of Sociology Child Abuse & Neglect Journal of Abnormal Psychology	Examples: Time Car & Driver Newsweek