

FINDING SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

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Scholarly or Research Journal Articles

- Often contain graphs and charts summarizing research studies
- Include a table of contents, index, footnotes, endnotes and/or a bibliography
- May be published by a professional organization
- Advertisements limited
- Generally found only in libraries or other academic or medical settings
- Use specific technical language
- Contain articles reviewed by the author's peers (peer reviewed) or editorial boards
- Check instructions in OhioLINK online databases to search only for scholarly or peer reviewed articles, if that is part of your assignment,

Popular or Trade Magazine Articles

- Often have pictures
- May not contain a list of the sources that were used to write the article
- Usually published by a for-profit company
- Contain many advertisements unrelated to the article
- Written to appeal to a wide audience or to people in a particular trade or business
- Popular journals can be purchased at drug stores or grocery stores. Trade magazines may be available for purchase at bookstores or from the trade society or industry that publishes it.
- Articles are chosen by editors who are employed by the magazine or by people within a specific trade field
- Articles are usually less than 5 pages.

Finding articles for research studies

Research usually includes at least some of the following types of data: observation, questionnaires, interviews, controlled experiment, case studies, user studies, experimental research, and survey research. These “keywords” may be used as part of either an online search or search through a print index to find the materials you need.

Helpful keywords to use in a search

In addition to the words describing specific research, keywords such as “study”, “measure” or “statistics” may help to narrow the topic for research articles

Example: if you are looking for a research article on behavioral disorders, you could search:

- **“behavior* disorder*” and study**
- **“behavior* disorder*” and research**
- In many databases the asterisk (*) is a truncation symbol which searches for many different word endings. In the example above, **behavior*** searches for behavior, behaviors, behavioral and behaviorism

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MLA Citation Style at a glance

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Books

Authors Last name, First name. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Posner, Helaine. Kiki Smith. New York: Monacelli Press, 2005.

Magazines

Author's Last name, First name. "Article Title." Magazine Title day Month year: page numbers.

Example:

Levy, Steven. "The Future of Reading." Newsweek 26 November 2007: 56-64.

Journals

Author's Last name, First name. "Article Title." Journal Title volume:issue [note: only include issue when the journal is not continuously paginated throughout the year] (year): page numbers.

Example:

Nistor, A.P. and J. Lowenberg-DeBoer. "Drainage water management impact on farm profitability." Journal of Soil and Water Conservation 62 (2007): 443-446.

Articles from a database

Author's Last name, First name. "Article Title." Journal Title volume:issue [if required] (year): page numbers or length of article. Name of Database. Name of Library. Day Month year accessed <web address of database or search page>.

Example:

Marshall, Ann, Vicki Burns, and Judi Briden. "Know Your Students." Library Journal 132:18 (2007): 26-29. Academic Search Complete. Clark State Community College Library. 26 November 2007 <lib2.clarkstate.edu/library/referene.html>.

Websites

Author [individual, company, association, etc.] of website, if given. Title of Website. Day Month year site was last updated, if given. Group responsible/Publisher, if given. Day Month year accessed. <web address>.

Example:

Ohio.gov. 23 November 2007. State of Ohio. 26 November 2007. <www.ohio.gov>.