

Scholarly Journals, Magazines and Newspapers What's The Difference?

Scholarly journals:

- ☑ Peer reviewed – this means an editorial board of experts in the author's field of research has evaluated this article
- ☑ Main focus is academic study
- ☑ Contain bibliographies of cited and related works
- ☑ Written by experts in the field
- ☑ Include author's credentials and institutional affiliation.
- ☑ Often has an abstract
- ☑ Often reports original research; reviews and evaluates materials that has already been published, or expands and refines theory
- ☑ Published by a professional association, society, research association, academic institution or commercial enterprise



General Interest Magazines

- ☑ Aimed at educated, non-specialized audience.
- ☑ No background knowledge or expertise is assumed about the audience
- ☑ Articles written by journalists, free-lance writers or staff writers
- ☑ Often sources not cited
- ☑ Published on a weekly or monthly basis.
- ☑ Often author's credentials are not cited
- ☑ Usually no citations
- ☑ Contain color advertising/glossy paper
- ☑ Published by a commercial enterprise or professional organization



Popular Magazines:

- ☑ Almost exclusively for entertainment purposes
- ☑ Sources rarely cited
- ☑ Articles very short
- ☑ Often unsigned or the author's credentials are not cited
- ☑ No citations
- ☑ Mass appeal to the public
- ☑ Contain color advertising/glossy paper
- ☑ Published by a commercial enterprise



Newspapers

- ☑ Very current – information contained includes international, national and local events and issues
- ☑ Included editorials or commentaries
- ☑ Eye catching headlines
- ☑ published daily or weekly
- ☑ Sources rarely cited
- ☑ Articles very short
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