

Library 101: Your Guide to Library Resources at UTSA
 Activity 4a: Evaluate Sources - Periodical Articles

Name: _____

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After searching for periodical articles, you may need to determine if the articles you find are **SCHOLARLY** or **POPULAR**. Use this checklist to help! If an article contains any of the characteristics below, make a check mark by that characteristic. Then, add up the total number of check marks in each column. The column with the most check marks wins!

| | SCHOLARLY | POPULAR |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Length | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is long and provides in-depth topic analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is short and provides broad topic overview |
| Authorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Article author is expert or specialist that provides name & credentials | <input type="checkbox"/> Article author is staff writer or journalist that does not provide credentials |
| Language/Audience | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is written in jargon of field for scholarly readers (professors, researchers) | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is written in non-technical language so that anyone can understand it |
| Format/Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is structured and contains sections such as: abstract, methodology, results, conclusion & bibliography | <input type="checkbox"/> Articles does not follow specific format or structure |
| Special Features | <input type="checkbox"/> Article contains illustrations that support the text such as tables of statistics, graphs, or map | <input type="checkbox"/> Article contains glossy color photographs or advertisements that do not necessarily support the text |
| Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is reviewed and critically evaluated by a board of experts in the field (refereed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Article is reviewed by editors on staff |
| Credits | <input type="checkbox"/> Article contains a bibliography (works cited) and/or footnotes to thoroughly document and back up the research | <input type="checkbox"/> Article does not have a bibliography (works cited) or footnotes |

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Still not sure? Try:

Ulrich's Periodicals Directory

JPL Reference Desk Z6941.U5

Internet access: UTSA Library Home Page > Databases A-Z > Ulrich's Periodicals Directory

Magazines for Libraries

JPL Reference Desk, Z6941.K2

Downtown Library Reference Stacks, Z6941.K2

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<http://lib.utsa.edu/Instruction/Library101>

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