

Scholarly Source Assignment

Due Date: 11:59 p.m. EST, Sunday of Unit 6

Points: 100

Overview:

What is the difference between a scholarly journal article and a popular magazine article? It is important that the information you learn about Psychology is supported by strong academic research. Research that is published in peer-reviewed journals is considered scholarly work. For this assignment, you will distinguish between a scholarly journal article and a popular magazine article.

Instructions:

1. Please view the "Welcome to the Traurig Library!" Tutorial: [Welcome to the Traurig Library Tutorial](#)
2. Write a *minimum* one-page essay following these guidelines:
 - Summarize the characteristics of each type of article.
 - Compare and contrast a scholarly journal article with a popular magazine article by including **three (3) ways** they are similar and **three (3) ways** they are different.
 - Choose a scholarly article and a non-scholarly article directly related to a topic in psychology you are interested in. Explain how they are similar and different, using specific examples from each article.
 - Make sure to include references to your articles.

Be sure to read the criteria, by which your paper will be evaluated *before* you write and again *after* you write.

Evaluation Rubric for *Scholarly Source* Assignment

CRITERIA	<i>Deficient</i>	<i>Development Needed</i>	<i>Proficient</i>	<i>Exemplary</i>
	<i>0 - 14 points</i>	<i>15 - 19 points</i>	<i>20 - 22 points</i>	<i>23 - 25 points</i>
Source Characteristics	Identifies some characteristics of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Does not compare and contrast.	Identifies characteristics of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Compares and contrasts, but analysis is incomplete.	Identifies many characteristics of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Compares and contrasts, but argument is not fully elaborated with specific details.	Fully compares and contrasts scholarly vs. non-scholarly sources. Discusses at least three similarities and three differences. Argument is well elaborated with specific examples.
	<i>0 - 14 points</i>	<i>15 - 19 points</i>	<i>20 - 22 points</i>	<i>23 - 25 points</i>
Articles	Does not include article(s).	Includes non-scholarly article but scholarly article is absent or is non-scholarly OR Includes scholarly article but non-scholarly article is absent or is scholarly.	Includes both scholarly and non-scholarly article but articles are loosely related.	Includes both scholarly and non-scholarly article on same topic.
	<i>0 - 14 points</i>	<i>15 - 19 points</i>	<i>20 - 22 points</i>	<i>23 - 25 points</i>
Comparison Articles	Identifies some characteristics of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Does not compare and contrast.	Identifies characteristics of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Compares and contrasts, but analysis is incomplete.	Identifies many characteristics of scholarly and non-scholarly sources. Compares and contrasts, but argument is not fully elaborated with specific details.	Fully compares and contrasts scholarly vs. non-scholarly sources. Discusses at least three similarities and three differences. Argument is well elaborated with specific examples.

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Clear and Professional Writing and Format	Errors impede professional presentation; guidelines not followed.	Numerous errors somewhat interfere with professional presentation.	Few errors that do not impede professional presentation.	Writing and format are clear, professional, APA compliant, and error-free.