

What Is a Scholarly Article?

In any course you take, professors are going to ask you to find scholarly articles for various papers and projects. One way to assess whether an article is scholarly is if it:

- Comes from a professional, peer-reviewed publication (e.g., journals, government reports such as FDA, CDC).
- Contains references for sources cited so they show where their information is obtained.
- Written by a professional or scholar in the field and indicates credentials of the author(s).

Is no more than 5 years old; however, consult with your instructor regarding the appropriate age of articles.

Most nursing, science, and social science journals meet these criteria. If an article seems too simplistic or is a brief summary, look for other references. Don't stop the hunt for your information.

Newspaper articles and lay person literature (*Readers Digest*, *Healthy Life Magazine*, *Food and Fitness*) can be sources for background about your topic for a project, but are not considered scholarly.

What else is NOT a scholarly article?

- Information from Wikipedia or any wiki
- Articles in healthcare and nursing-oriented trade magazines, such as *Nursing Made Incredibly Easy* and *RN Magazine*.

RUA - Topic you're passionate about
Educating people is important -

Healthy People 2020 - plans in place to protect population

Describe the approach YOU developed to educate target population - where do you find the target group? ^{in bars} ^{in hospitals} ^{social media}
cant hear, cant read?

* use Rubric as guide

Headings

3 Sources to teach

- Introduction
- Target Population
- Summary of articles
- Health Promotion
- Conclusion

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elements
to make sure