## DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SCHOLARLY AND NON-SCHOLARLY PERIODICALS

	SCHOLARLY	SUBSTANTIVE	POPULAR
	*("Peer-reviewed/Refereed")		
Examples	Journal of Asian Studies	National Geographic	Time
	Modern Fiction Studies	New Yorker	Vanity Fair
	Semiotica	Psychology Today	Architectural Digest
Purpose	- Disseminate knowledge.	- For profit.	- For profit.
&	- Reports of original research.	- Current events & news.	- Current events & news.
Use	- In-depth analysis of topics.	- Introduces a subject.	- Overview of topic.
	- Statistical information.	- Interviews.	- Entertainment.
		- Analysis and opinion.	- Sell products.
Audience	Reader knows the field.	General audience.	General audience.
	(professor, student, specialist, etc.)		
Authors	- Researcher.	- Journalist.	- Free-lance writer.
	- Academic.	- Free-lance writer.	- Staff writer.
	- Scholar.	Specialist or scholar.	- Journalist.
Content	- Description of research method with	- Explanation of a subject.	- May be biased toward a
&	conclusions.	- Interpretation of a	particular point of view.
Language	- Objective.	research article.	- Less depth.
	- Assumes knowledge of technical	- May or may not be	- Simple language.
	language and specialist jargon.	objective.	- Often written like a
	- Article may have a specific structure.	- Use of non-technical	story.
		vocabulary.	
		- Shorter articles than in	
		scholarly publications.	
Publishers	- Professional organizations.	- Commercial.	- Commercial.
	- University presses.	- Trade.	- Trade.
	- Research institutions.	- Professional	
	- Scholarly presses.	organizations.	
Sources	- Bibliography and/or notes present.	- Sometimes includes	- Rarely, if ever, includes
	- Extensive citation of sources.	citations of sources.	citations of sources.
	- Credentials included for authors	- Credentials usually not	- Credentials rarely
		included for authors	included for authors.
Graphics	- Graphs, charts, and tables.	- Illustrated, often with	- Heavily illustrated.
	- Advertising is very rare.	photographs.	- Lots of advertising.
		- Advertising is present.	
Article Citation – Scholarly Journal		Article Citation – Substantive Magazine	
"Too Many Facebook 'Friends'? Content Sharing and		"Bye Bye Facebook Friend, You're a Blabbermouth." By: Aron, Jacob. <i>New Scientist</i> . 8/27/2011, Vol. 211 Issue 2827,	
Sociability Versus the Need for Privacy in Social Network			1//2011, Vol. 211 Issue 2827,
Sites." By: Brandtzæg, Petter Bae; Luders, Marika, et al. p18-19. 2p.  International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction.			
Nov/Dec2010, Vol. 26 Issue 11/12, p1006-1030. 25p. 2			
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<sup>\*</sup>Peer-Reviewed: Many scholarly journals have a peer review board (other scholars in the author's field or specialty) that critically assesses a draft of the article to determine if it is acceptable for publication. The review board may send a paper back to the author with suggestions for improvement before it can be published. This process helps ensure that the published article reflects solid scholarship in the field.