What is a Scholarly Journal?

Your Instructor may require your research come from a scholarly (or peer-reviewed) journal. How is this different from a magazine? Note these distinctions:

Scholarly Journal

Library

more formal appearance few bright colors or photos the words "Journal" or "Quarterly"

may appear in the title intended for a more limited (academic) audience

published by a university press

articles written by scholars in the field

reporting original research

more complex writing style

may include graphs or charts

published bi-monthly, guarterly, semiannually, or annually

Popular Magazine

bright, attractive covers

many glossy pictures

designed to attract a broad segment of the population

published by a commercial publisher

characterized by short articles written by staff

non-technical, popular writing style, easy to understand

focus on current events, popular topics of the day

published daily, weekly or monthly

The time illusion







industry

advertising appeals to those in the

field

may have a format similar to popular

magazines, such as colorful pictures and catchy headlines

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