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<p>Popular Magazines</p>	<p>These are well known magazines, newspapers, and websites available online or in-print. They are usually sold in places like bookstores or newsstands. The magazines tend to have glossy covers and usually include photographs. What they all have in common is that they are written by staff writers, cover a wide variety of topics. They are reviewed by a professional staff editor and the authors use non-technical language in order to reach the widest possible audience.</p>	<p>Magazines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>People</i> • <i>National Geographic</i> • <i>Time</i> <p>Websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Digg</i> • <i>The Huffington Post</i> • <i>ThinkProgress</i> 	<p>Because these are so general, they are not the best sources for scholarly research. Some can be good preliminary sources for current events, but talk with your professor about using any popular publication as a resource.</p> <p>Note: Wikipedia is <u>NOT</u> a acceptable source for scholarly work.</p>
<p>Scholarly Journals</p>	<p>These journals have a deep focus on one particular academic topic and use subject focused language. The articles in these journals are written by experts in their field. Majority of the authors will have a PhD or MD after their names and in many cases there are multiple authors. These journals do not contain many photos, but do provide charts and graphs. Most of these journals also go through a process called PEER REVIEW (see next page)</p>	<p>Journals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Leadership Quarterly</i> • <i>Counselling Psychology Review</i> • <i>Educational Psychology Review</i> • <i>School Psychology Quarterly</i> 	<p>The publications have a narrow focus and are good for when you have a focused re-search topic. These journals are where you will find the most recent information on a topic, as well as ongoing research and trends.</p>



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Peer Reviewed	Peer Reviewed articles present both new research information and critiques on current issues in an academic field. During the Peer Reviewed process, other experts in the field review the writer's article and provide corrections to ensure that the information is factual, unbiased and adds to the current body of knowledge. Because of the Peer Review process, these journals are considered a valuable source for academic research papers.	See Scholarly Journals "Peer-reviewed and scholarly journals are related but not identical. Not all scholarly journals go through the peer-review process. However, one can assume that a peer-reviewed journal is scholarly." (Source: http://lib.calpoly.edu/support/how-to/find-articles)	See Scholarly Journals *Note: Articles can be peer reviewed, but other pieces such as editorials or book reviews are not.
Professional & Trade Magazines/Journals	These are magazines that focus their content on the needs of those who work in a specific industry. Professional magazines are published by a professional organization. Profession and Trade use field specific language in their articles. Many of the articles are very field specific but the authors may not always be academic.	Professional Journals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Journal • Psychology Today • Education Week Trade Magazines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billboard • Bio Techniques • Variety 	Although some of the articles are not peer reviewed, they can provide important information. Consult your professor about using an article from a professional/trade magazine or journal.