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Identifying Scholarly Journals

journal name and then look for the “Peer Reviewed” portion of the publication details. This will tell you if the journal is peer-reviewed. You can only get to the “Publications” tab if you are searching one database and not multiple databases. If you find an article and want to view publication details, look in the “Source” section and then click on the journal title link. Remember, this only is for those journals that are in EBSCOhost databases. *WilsonSelectPlus* in Firstsearch does not have the capability to limit search results to peer-reviewed journals.

Scholarly Journals vs. Popular Magazines

<i>Scholarly Journals</i>	<i>Popular Magazines</i>
A journal contains specialized subject matter and written in the technical language of a specific field. Reports on original research and original interpretation of data or analysis.	A magazine contains more general subject matter on broad topics, current events, and/or the latest news. Written in simpler language.
Articles are written in a specific format, and include footnotes/endnotes and a bibliography.	Articles very rarely include footnotes/endnotes or a bibliography.
Articles are almost always refereed/peer-reviewed by a group of researchers and/or scholars in the field before being published.	Articles are almost never refereed/peer-reviewed, and are usually written by journalists after which they are evaluated by editors and then published.
Authors are usually experts in the field. They are always identified and their credentials are given.	Authors may or may not be identified. They are usually staff reporters or journalists.
Articles are usually lengthy, and address a specialized audience.	Articles are shorter, with general facts, and address