

## Scholarly Resources

This guide helps users differentiate between popular and scholarly resources.

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Remember, this is a guide to help you make an informed decision about the sources you want to use. It is up to you to make the best decision for your work.

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May be Scholarly/Academic if...	May be Popular if...
Found on Google Scholar and verified the journal in Ulrich's	Found with a basic Google Search
Limited database search to "Peer Reviewed," "Academic Journals," or "Refereed" and verified the journal title in Ulrich's	Performed a basic database search without restrictions
From an Academic Institution or other institution of learning and research	From some guy's blog or a network news site
.edu or .gov URLs	.net or .com URLs
From a site that provides details about its credentials, research, and purpose like <a href="http://www.procon.org">www.procon.org</a>	From a site that makes it difficult to determine the author's credentials or is a thinly-veiled ad
Uses analytical language	Uses colorful, inflammatory, or emotional language

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