WHAT IS A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL?

Many instructors at the college level require students to use articles from scholarly journals. Scholarly journals may also be called Research Journals, Peer Reviewed Journals, or Refereed Journals.

- Scholarly journals generally have a sober, serious look. They often contain many graphs and charts but few glossy pages or exciting pictures.

- Articles in scholarly journals use the language of the discipline covered. The main audience is other scholars.

- Articles are written by scholars. Articles are always signed.

- Scholarly journals always cite their sources. Look for footnotes, bibliographies, sources, notes, etc.

- The main purpose of a scholarly journal is to report on original research or experimentation.

- Many scholarly journals are associated with universities or professional organizations.