Definition of a Scholarly Article

A scholarly or peer-reviewed article is based on original research or experimentation. These articles are not opinion pieces. These articles usually present information based on a research investigation such as, procedures used to collect data and statistical tests conducted for data analysis.

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Once you have reviewed a scholarly article you should be able to determine the following:
1. Purpose of research investigation
2. Hypothesis/Hypotheses
3. Procedures (Demographics re: participants, research design, assessment tools used for measurement, length of study)
4. Results
5. Conclusion – include your ideas for future research investigations