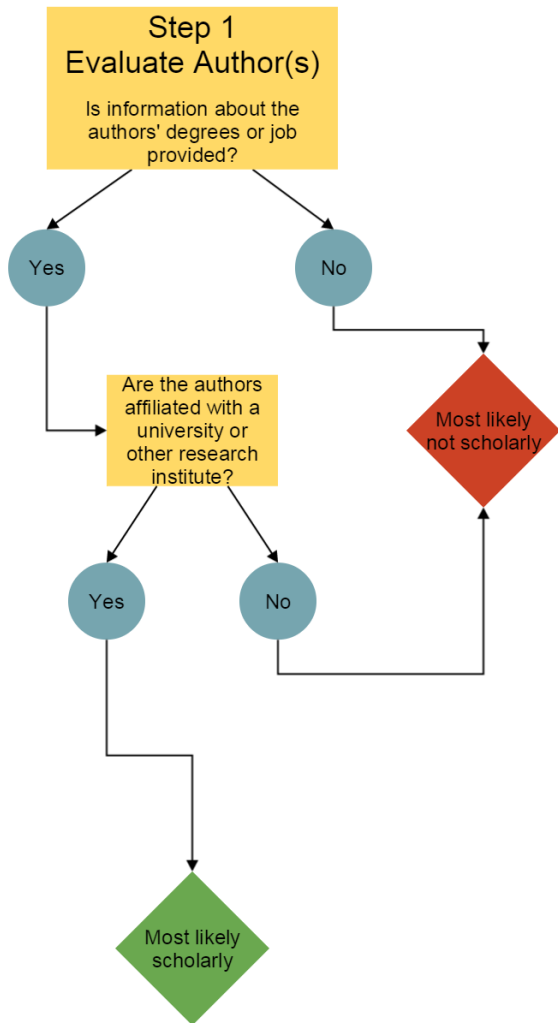
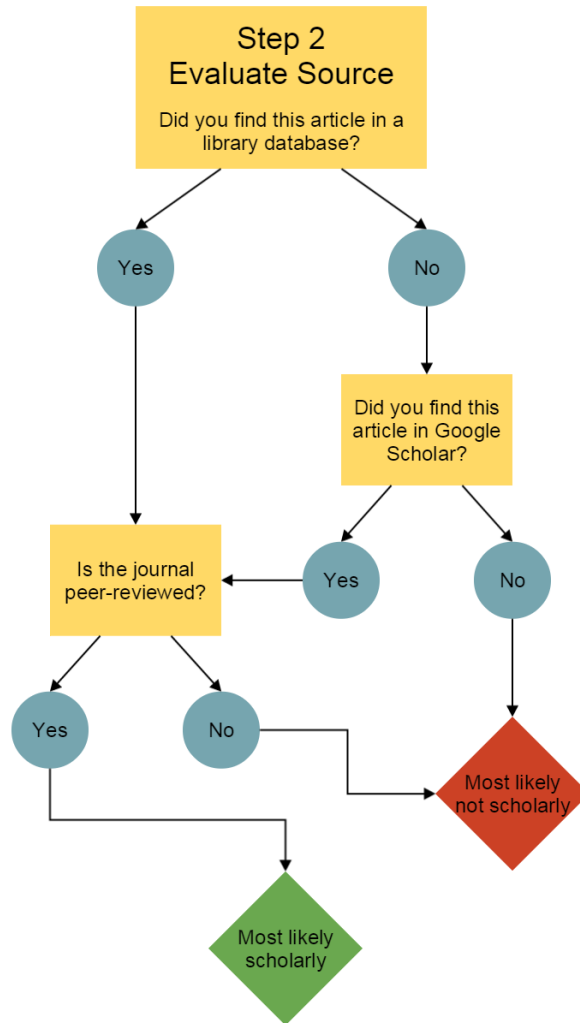


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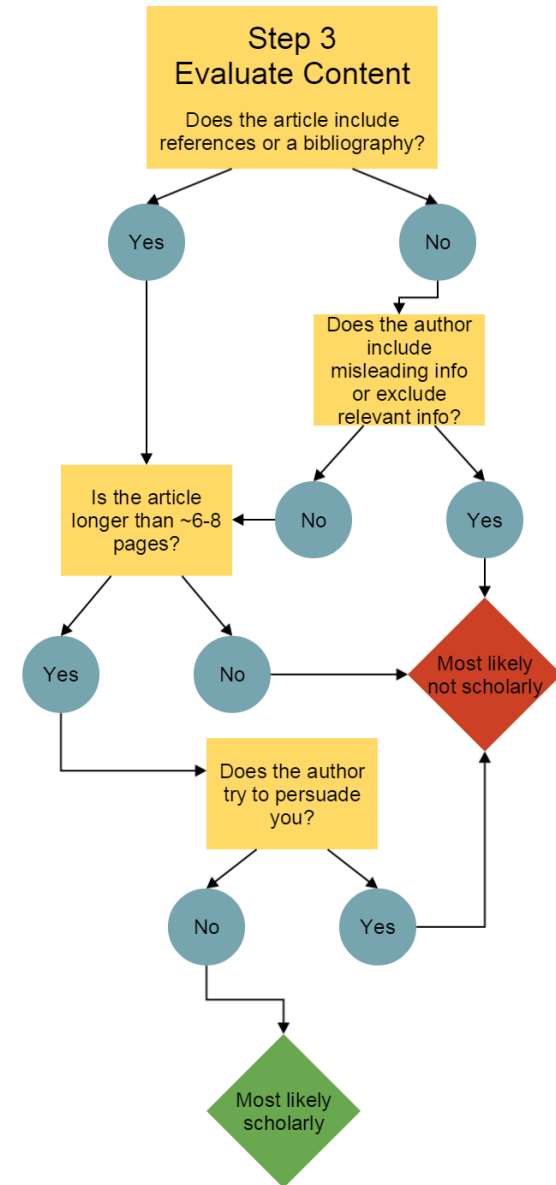
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Move to Step 2:
Evaluate Source



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Evaluate Content



While evaluating for certain characteristics is a great start to determining what type of source you have, it does not guarantee that your article is scholarly.
Use the charts on the reverse side to verify your choice, and to help you read and examine the entire article.

Types of resources

	Popular magazines & newspapers	Trade journals	Scholarly journals
Authors	Journalists	Professionals	Researchers
Audience	General public	Others in the field	Researchers, experts, scholars
Content	News, general interest article, pop culture, etc.	Trends in the field, new products or techniques, etc.	Research projects or studies, theory, etc.
Sources	Not cited	Sometimes cited	Always cited (footnotes, bibliographies)
Examples	Time Sports Illustrated New York Us Weekly	Farmers Weekly Harvard Business Review Chronicle of Higher Education	Journal of Applied Psychology Analytical Chemistry Botany

Parts of a scholarly article

Section of the article	Read in this order	Content
Title/Abstract	★ 1	Provides a summary of the article (<i>helpful to determine if the article fits your topic</i>)
Introduction	3	Introduces the topic, thesis, and importance of the research
Literature Review	4	Discusses other research done that relates to the topic; serves to situate the article in a larger conversation
Methods/Methodology	5	Explains how the study or research was conducted and details the methods used to gather data
Results	6	Shares the data that was gathered during the course of the study (<i>look for charts, tables, and graphs</i>)
Discussion/Conclusion/Implications	★ 2	Interprets the data gathered, discusses how the results address the thesis, explains possible weaknesses in the study, and offers implications for further research or practices
References/Citations	7	Lists the sources cited (<i>useful for finding other articles on the same or similar topics</i>)