

How to Identify Scholarly Sources

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- Written by experts in the field
- Use language and terminology of the discipline
- Are peer-reviewed
- Are published by university presses or scholarly organizations
- Have great deal of original research or insight
- Use citations and contain a works cited or reference page

Another helpful tip when analyzing a source: use the STAR criteria to analyze a source

Sufficiency: Is there enough evidence in the source?

Typicality: Is the evidence/information typical? Does it contradict other existing information?

Accuracy: Is the evidence valid and up-to-date? Does it make logistical sense?

Relevance: Is the evidence relevant to the claim being made?

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