Presentation topics:
- Definition of a periodical
- Why periodicals are useful sources
- Common types of periodicals
- Periodicals place in the information cycle
- Evaluating periodical articles
What is a periodical publication?

A *periodical publication* is any publication that is published in regular intervals for an indefinite period of time.

Why periodicals are useful sources

- They are published more frequently than books.
- They tend to be the place where knowledge is first revealed.
- They help you get a sense of how the topic was received and/or perceived at the time it was happening.
- They tend to contain the most current information on a topic.

Common types of periodicals

- Newspapers
- General magazines
- Trade magazines
- Scholarly journals
Scholarly journals - examples

Scholarly articles

Not all articles in a scholarly journal are scholarly.

A typical scholarly article

- includes a bibliography at the end
- is at least three pages, or 1100 words

Peer reviewed journals

Peer-reviewed journals are scholarly, but not all scholarly journals are peer reviewed.
Trade publications: Scholarly or not?

Scholarly vs. popular

Is global warming really a problem?

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Evaluating periodicals articles

- Authority
- Accuracy
- Content
- Objectivity
- Currency

Evaluation example: scholarly articles

**Authority**: The article’s authors have authority. They are all affiliated with the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Accuracy**: References are included so the information can be checked.

**Content**: I read the abstract and this article is about obesity and the results of a long term study. It compares the results of data gathered over 9 years, starting in 1999, so is relevant for a current discussion of this topic.
Evaluating magazine and newspaper articles

Quiz

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