Student Worksheet for Reading Scholarly Articles

Five Characteristics of a Scholarly Article

1. Author is an expert in the discipline.
2. Original research has been conducted.
3. In-text citations appear throughout the article and a reference list is at the end.
4. Technical vocabulary with data presented, including charts and tables.
5. Peer-review process to accept article for publication.

Notes on your article: Answer the questions

1. What is the thesis or problem being investigated?

2. How is the study conducted?

3. Are there any limitations?

4. Are there any gaps in the study?

5. What do the findings reveal?

6. How do the findings influence future research?