

# Scholarly Article Autopsy

**Group Members:**

**Recorder:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presenter 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Article:** \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 1: QUICK CLUES

1. What kind of information can you find about the **author(s)** of the article?
  2. Find the **abstract** and quickly scan it. What is an abstract? Why is it included with the article?
  3. Are there any **graphics** included in the article? What kind? Why are they included?
  4. Identify **citations** within your article text. **Circle** below what style of citation your article uses:
    - a. Numbered endnotes
    - b. In-text citations
    - c. Numbered footnotes
  5. Find one citation in the article text and **highlight** it, then turn to the bibliography/notes at the end of the article. **Highlight** the entry that corresponds to your citation.
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SECTION 2: CONTENT

6. Find the **research question** and **highlight it** (it may be more than one sentence). If it is not explicitly stated, please write the article's central idea in your own words below:

SECTION 2: CONTENT

7. Find the **methods** or **methodology** section of your article. How was the study conducted? How were subjects found? What tools were used to gather data? Summarize what was done.

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**After you have completed questions 1-7, come ask me for your comparison article.**

SECTION 3: COMPARISON

8. Look at the comparison article and find at least three major differences between your scholarly article and your comparison article:
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
9. **When** could you use this kind of article?
10. Is it **better or worse** than a scholarly source?
11. **So, why** do scholarly articles exist? **Who** should use them and for what purposes?