Professor, “You need to find a relevant, scholarly article for this assignment.”

Thinking to yourself, “Umm... how do I know what a scholarly article is and how do I find one?”

**Scholarly vs. Peer-review**

A **scholarly resource** is a resource that is written by an expert in their field. Some things to look for on a scholarly article, specifically a scholarly article, would be: publication information (what journal is this article from?), Author(s)' names and affiliations, references/citations, and a general 'formal' appearance. May or may not have a DOI (digital object identification) number. See below or here!

Great! Now how do I find these things?

The library pays for access to scholarly materials and the easiest way is to search ArticlesPlus; which is **SUPER multidisciplinary**. Here is a quick tutorial. You have this scholar/peer-review articles filter in health databases too: CINAHL, Academic Search Complete, SocINDEX.
How do I know if it’s any ‘good’ or “relevant”?

### CRAAP Model: Evaluating Resources

- **Currency**
  - When was the information written? Does it matter to your research when it was written? Is the site updated recently?

- **Relevance**
  - Is it entirely about your topic or are there just a few sentences? Who is the resource intended for - health professionals or consumers?

- **Authority**
  - Who is the author/creator? Do they have a background that would suggest knowledge on the topic? Can the author be found in the professional literature?

- **Accuracy**
  - Where does the information come from? Is it backed up by evidence or just opinion? Is there a sponsor, if so does it make sense for them to be a sponsor?
  - Examples: .gov (government site) .edu (educational institution) .org (professional organization)

- **Purpose**
  - Why was the information written? Are the intentions of the article made clear? Are they selling me something?

I still need help...

No problem! Reach out to your librarian, Hanna here!

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