**Comparing Arguments in Scholarly and Popular Articles**

**Start by Comparing the Articles***Briefly skim the two articles to answer these questions. Don’t worry about what the articles say—instead, these questions are about* ***how*** *the articles are written.*

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|  | *First Article* | *Second Article* |
| 1. What is the title of the article? What is the title of the journal, magazine, or website that published it? |  |  |
| 2. Do the authors have any credentials listed, such as a degree or professional experience? Why does knowing this matter? |  |  |
| 3. What kind of research went into the article? How can you tell? |  |  |
| 4. What style of language is used? Please provide an example. |  |  |
| 5. Identify the intended audience of the article. Who would read this? How can you tell? |  |  |

**Now, Compare their Arguments***Next, review the sheet with summaries of both articles to answer these questions.*

6. Do the two articles seem to agree or disagree? In what ways are their main ideas similar or different?

7. What topics do they focus on the most? Are there any areas that you think they ignored?