

Before completing this worksheet, be sure to review the library's guide on finding scholarly (peer-reviewed) sources to learn the difference between popular and scholarly sources. <https://hartness.vsc.edu/find/articles/peer-reviewed/>

These two articles represent different versions of the same research. As you read each source, try to determine if it is a popular or scholarly article and why.

Brody, J. E. (2015, Dec 08). It's not just drivers driven to distraction. *New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://tinyurl.com/textbrody2>

Lamberg, E. M., & Muratori, L. M. (2012). Cell phones change the way we walk. *Gait & Posture*, (4), 688. Retrieved from <https://tinyurl.com/lamberg2>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the roles of newspapers or popular magazine articles in relation to scholarly research articles?
- Who are the intended audiences for each of the articles and how does that effect how they are written and the language that is used?
- Do you think newspaper editors sensationalize information from academic sources to push sales or grab the reader's attention?
- What's one technique you could use to track down the original research article you see referenced in a magazine article or news source?
- What is the best way to tell the difference between a research article and an article from a popular source? What is the purpose (and importance) of each?

Some points to remember when completing your own research:

- Both magazine and journal articles can be good sources for your work.
- When selecting articles, think about how you intend to use the information:
 - Do you want background on a topic new to you? (**use magazines**)
 - Did your teacher say to cite **scholarly** resources? (**use academic journals**)
- Often a combination of the two will be most appropriate for undergraduate research.