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/](https://hartness.vsc.edu/find/articles/peer-reviewed/)

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


### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the roles of health websites and popular magazine articles in relation to scholarly research articles?
- What is the best way to tell the difference between a popular and scholarly source?
- What factors contribute to determining the quality of information?

### 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 and websites)*
  - Did your teacher say to cite scholarly resources? *(use academic journals)*
- Often a combination of sources will be most appropriate for undergraduate research.