# **Types of Periodicals**

A "periodical" is any publication that comes out regularly or occasionally (periodically). *Sports Illustrated, The Journal of Anthropological Research, The World Almanac*, and the phone book are all periodicals.

## **Academic Journals**

Also known as *scholarly*, *refereed*, or *peer-reviewed* journals.

**Appearance:** Generally have a sober, serious look. May contain graphs and charts, but few glossy pages or photographs. Use scholarly language with vocabulary specific to their profession or field.

Audience: Written for academics and professionals.

Author/Authority: Articles written by researchers or scholars in the field who report the results of original research.

Citations: Articles include footnotes and a list of citations at the end of the article.

**Content:** Includes scholarly research for a particular profession or industry. Articles usually contain an abstract, methodology, discussion, charts or tables, results, conclusions, and references.

Frequency: Usually published bimonthly or quarterly.



## **Trade Magazines**

Also known as *industry* magazines.

Appearance: Generally attractive and are often illustrated with color photographs.

Audience: Written for industry professionals.

**Author/Authority:** Articles written by staff writers, though the magazine may sometimes accept articles from industry professionals.

**Citations:** Occasionally list references at the end of the article or provide footnotes within the text.

**Content:** Includes current events and special features within a particular profession or industry.

Frequency: Usually published biweekly or monthly.





### **Popular Magazines**

Appearance: Generally attractive and illustrated with color photographs.

Audience: Written for the general public.

Author/Authority: Articles written by staff or freelance writer.

**Content:** Includes current events and special features.

**Frequency:** Usually published weekly or monthly.



### Newspapers

**Appearance:** Generally printed on newsprint in black ink.

Audience: Written for the general public.

Author/Authority: Articles written by staff writers and freelance journalists.

Citations: Will sometimes cite sources, a scholar, or a freelance writer.

Content: Includes current events and special features.

**Frequency:** Usually published daily or weekly.



