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## Part 1: Why Scholarly Articles?

Have you read or used academic or scholarly articles before? What was that experience like? What strategies did you use to read and understand the information?

## Part 2: Parts of a Scholarly Article

Based on the description in the online text, what parts of the scholarly article do you feel will be most useful for doing research for your assignments? Why?

## Part 3: Reading a Scholarly Article

Let’s practice choosing which part of a research article will help with typical information needs.

### Scenario:

You are looking for articles about the causes of human trafficking. Presented are the titles of two articles that might serve that purpose.

* Title 1: Analysis of Human Trafficking Cases in Rhode Island, 2009-2013
* Title 2: Human Trafficking and Smuggling in China

Which part of these articles would most likely help you decide if they are addressing causes or something else?

Choice A: The Abstract

Choice B: The Conclusion

How did you come to your decision?

### Scenario:

When you exercise, sometimes your muscles get sore. You found a study that says riboflavin may reduce soreness. You wonder about the theories behind this study.

* Title: A Placebo-Controlled Trial of Riboflavin for Enhancement of Ultramarathon Recovery

Which part of the article would most likely discuss theory?

Choice A: The Introduction

Choice B: The Methods

Choice C: The Discussion

How did you come to your decision?

## Part 4: Finding Additional Research

Use the strategies you’ve learned in the previous sections to read and extract the important information from your existing sources. Then, answer the following questions.

* What are some key ideas, terms, and concepts that you found in your reading?
* Choose a database to search in from the [Library’s Databases by Subject](https://library.okstate.edu/databases/databases-by-subject-area) page. Using the terms and ideas you identified above, search for additional sources. When you find at least one good source, record the information below.
	+ Title:
	+ Author(s):
	+ Year:

What steps did you take to find the article? Which search terms worked the best?

* Look at the references list at the end of an article you have already found. Identify at least one source in the list that looks like it might be relevant for your own research, and record the information below.
	+ Title:
	+ Author(s):
	+ Year:

Now, try to find that article using [BOSS](http://boss.library.okstate.edu) or [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/). Were you successful? What steps did you take to try to find it?