

# How to Read Scholarly Literature

Below are six questions you should ask yourself when reading any type of scholarly literature, whether a book, journal article, or Thesis:

- What is the Research Question?
- What is the purpose of the study?
- What sample or data do they include?  
(What method is used to collect data?)
- What are the findings of the study?
- What is the conclusion?
- What are the limitations of the study?

When reading multiple articles, create an Annotated Bibliography to organize the information. Include the answer to these questions. For example:

Source	Research Question	Purpose	Sample/ Data	Findings	Conclusion	Limitations	Your Notes
Title of article 1 (Citation)							
Title of article 2 (Citation)							

Additionally, consider your answers to the following questions for your “notes” section:

Did the author(s) answer the Research Question?

Did the author(s) include sufficient, valid sources to support their findings?

What other sources can you find to compare/contrast to this piece of literature?