Popular vs. Scholarly Article Exercise

Instructions:

1. Go to the ProQuest database through the MSU Libraries' Electronic Resources page: http://er.lib.msu.edu/item.cfm?item=001118

2. Do a search for a current topic. (*Example: global warming, war on terror, illegal immigration, etc.*)

3. Choose two articles: one from the "Scholarly Journals" category and one from the "Magazines" category.

4. Print out or download the two articles.

5. Read each article, and fill out the chart on the next page.

6. In a separate document, record MLA style citations for each article.

7. On the document with your MLA style citations, write a short paragraph explaining how and when you would use each type of article in an assignment.

8. You should have four parts to turn in:
   - ☐ one copy of the scholarly article,
   - ☐ one copy of the popular (magazine) article,
   - ☐ the filled-out chart,
   - ☐ and your document with the MLA style citations and paragraph.

Criteria	Article 1 – Scholarly	Article 2 – Popular ("Magazine")
Audience: For whom is the article written?		
Purpose: (News, presenting research, entertainment, other? Please specify.)		
Citations: Is there a bibliography or footnotes?		
Illustrations: What type of photos, charts, or graphs are there, if any?		
Author: What can you tell about the author?		
Language: List three words or phrases from each article that indicate if the language is technical or general.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
Review: Can you tell if this article has been peer-reviewed or refereed? How?		