

Review sheet for journals and journal articles

I General overview

Title of journal:

What is the general subject range of this publication?

Is there a specific editorial policy or stated aims ?

How often is it published? (eg weekly, monthly, quarterly...)

When did it start? If no longer current, when did it cease publication?

Roughly how many articles are in each issue, and what is the average length?

Are there illustrations? Just a few or many? What quality?

Does the journal contain book reviews? If so, give examples of titles reviewed.

What kind of readership do you think it is aimed at?

How would you describe the general tone of the articles? How interesting do they seem? Give examples

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II Articles

Title of article:

Author(s):

Full Publication details:

Name of Journal:

Date:

Volume/issue number

Page numbers

(Always make a note of these essential details so you can cite the text correctly in essays and bibliographies)

What is the main subject of this article?

What are its aims?

(This may be stated explicitly in the introduction or you may have to deduce it from the text)

How is it structured?

(This may be clearly shown by subheadings, or you may have to work it out for yourself)

First impressions:

eg. what kind of audience is intended? how is it written? how interesting/relevant does it seem to you?

Type of research /information sources on which the article is based:

(see notes on book review sheet - if there are no formal references, are there clues in the text?)

Additional comments:

eg particular strengths/weaknesses; note any interesting ideas/information/quotes (with page references)