Questions for Evaluating Scholarly Articles Worksheet

1. Abstract
   According to the abstract, what is the main point of the article?

2. Introduction
   a. What issues does the author seem to be concerned about? What importance does the author assign to those issues?
   b. What is the author’s hypothesis?
   c. In this section, what does the author say about other people’s research?

3. Methods
   a. What evidence does the author choose to look at to determine whether the hypothesis is supported or not?
   b. What data was collected? How is it used?

4. Results
   a. How does the author categorize the results?
b. What were the author’s findings?

c. Are the main findings expected?

5. **Discussion**
   a. What evidence does the author give in the discussion section to support the hypothesis? Give 2-3 examples of evidence the author uses. How well does the evidence support the author’s hypothesis?

b. Did the author analyze what they initially said they would analyze (see your response to the first question)? Does the article meet its objectives?

c. What does the author recommend as a result of their findings? Do their recommendations fit with what their research found?

d. Does the author address the problems or limitations of their research methods? If so, what flaws or limitations do they mention?

e. What does the author suggest as future research?