Journal Characteristics

- Presents results of original research, conference proceedings and literature reviews
- Intended for specialized readers (nurses, doctors, students, etc.)
- May contain charts, tables or graphs
- Written in highly technical style
- Written for readers who have some prior knowledge of the subject
- Written by someone in the field (credentials are listed)
- Contains jargon specific to author’s field
- Published by or in association with an academic institution or professional organization
- Articles are long in length
- Topic of article is narrowly focused and explored in-depth
- Contains footnotes or bibliography

Magazine Characteristics

- Designed to inform or entertain
- Main purpose is to sell advertising
- Intended for general public
- Contain attractive and appealing colors, graphics and illustrations
- Written in non-technical, easy to read style
- Prior knowledge of the topic not needed to understand the article
- Written by a journalist, freelance writer or anonymous author
- Topic of article is presented in broad scope
- Published by a commercial organization
- Does not contain a bibliography

Assignment:
Choose a common health concern and find an article related to this subject in both a nursing journal and a magazine.

- Choose your topic
- Think of related terms for your topic
- Follow library instructions
- Refer to Handouts

For more information and NUR 115 resources, go to www.lib.midlandstech.edu/Nursing_115
To find a nursing journal:
- Go to the library web site: http://www.lib.midlandstech.edu
- Select Academic Search Premier

To find a magazine:
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