**Week 4 – Analyzing Sources**

***Comparing Popular and Scholarly Sources***

Note: This exercise examines characteristics of different source types which can help when analyzing sources. No two sources are the same and there are often significant differences among publications categorized as a similar type of publication (e.g. news and opinion, general interest, scholarly).

Directions: Choose one News article (online), one website, and one scholarly journal article for the topic listed below. In groups of THREE, browse the content of each source and compare them by filling out the chart below.

**Topic: Concussions in Sports**

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|  | **News Article** | **Website** | **Journal Article** |
| What is the title of source? Date of publication? |  |  |  |
| What is the purpose of the source (ie. Inform on a current issue, report on research, entertain, sell persuade)? |  |  |  |
| What sort of language is used in the publication? Select a short quotation from each to illustrate their differences or commonalities. |  |  |  |
| What clues are available related to the authority of the source? (ie. Credentials of the author, sources, etc) |  |  |  |
| How do authors of the articles in these publications refer to sources? Do they quote individuals or published sources? Select a short quote from each to illustrate this. |  |  |  |
| Other observations: |  |  |  |

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