Scholarly Article Autopsy Worksheet

Section 1: Quick Clues

Title of Article:

1. What information can you find about the author(s) of the article?

2. Find the abstract and quickly scan it. What is an abstract? Why is it included with the article?

3. Are there any graphics included in the article? What kind? Why are they included?

4. Identify citations within the article text. Circle below what style of citation the article uses:
   a. In-text citations  b. Numbered endnotes  c. Numbered footnotes

5. Find one citation in the article text and highlight it, then turns to the bibliography/references at the end of the article. Highlight the entry that correspond to your citation.

Section 2: Content

1. Find the research question(s) / hypotheses and highlight it/them (it may be more than one sentence). If it is not explicitly stated, please write the article’s central idea in your own words below.
2. Find the **methods** or **methodology** section of the article. How was the study conducted? How were subjects found? What tools were used to gather data? Summarize what was done.

**Section 3: Comparison**

Look at the comparison article and find at least three major differences between the scholarly article and the comparison article?

a.

b.

c.

**When** could you use this kind of article? (Optional)

Is it **better** or **worse** than a scholarly source? (Optional)

So, **why** do scholarly articles exist? **Who** should use them and for what purposes? (Optional)