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An article being peer reviewed does not guarantee that it is high-quality and absolutely reliable. However, when conducting research for an assignment, the peer review standard represents a level of quality assurance that most other sources cannot provide. This is why many instructors will require that you only use peer reviewed articles, or that a minimum number of sources be peer reviewed.

How to tell if an article is peer reviewed

In no particular order:

- Many databases can filter results to show **only** peer reviewed articles*
- After running a search in OneSearch, the ‘peer review’ limiter can be selected to remove articles that are **not** peer reviewed
- The eJournal Finder found on the library homepage. This feature indicates which journals are peer reviewed
- Go to a journal’s website. If it is peer reviewed it will be mentioned somewhere, usually either in the ‘About’ or ‘For Authors’ section

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