



Critiquing a journal article: questions to consider

What kind of article is it (for example does it present data or does it present purely theoretical arguments)?

What is the main area under discussion?

What are the main findings?

What are the stated limitations?

Where does the author's data and evidence come from? Are they appropriate / sufficient?

What are the main issues raised by the author?

What questions are raised?

How well are these questions addressed?

What are the major points/interpretations made by the author in terms of the issues raised?

Is the text balanced? Is it fair/biased?

Does the author contradict themselves?

How does all this relate to other literature on this topic?

How does all this relate to your own experience, ideas and views?

What else has this author written? Do these build / complement this text?

Has anyone else reviewed this article? What did they say? Do I agree with them?

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