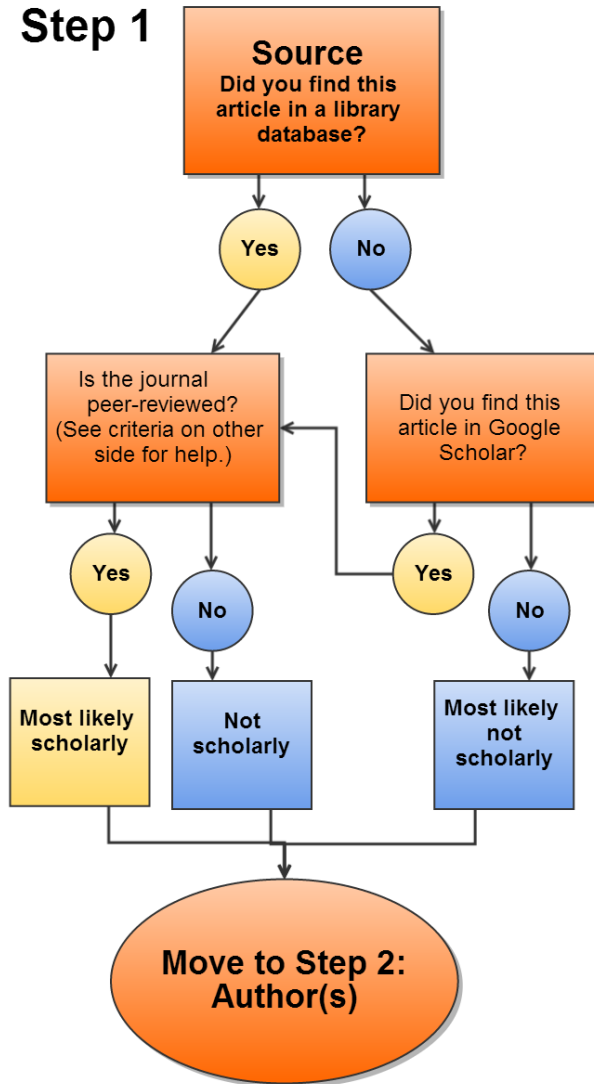


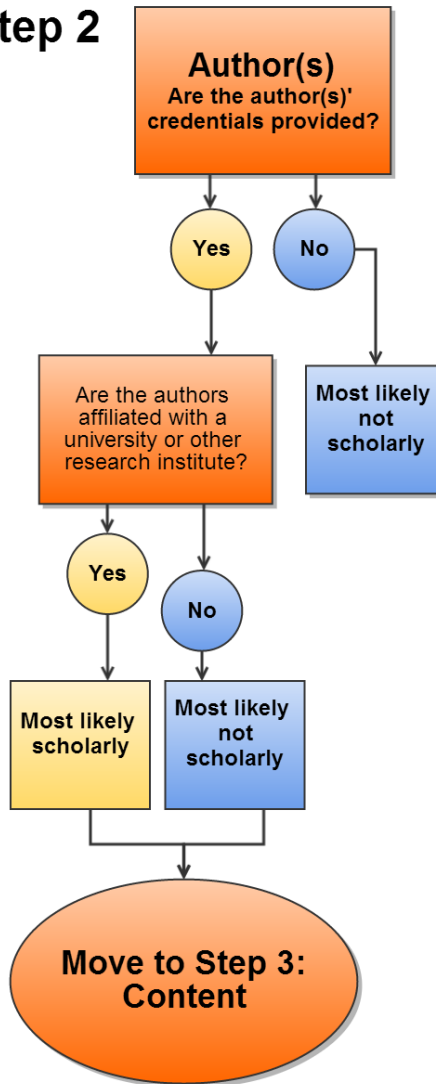
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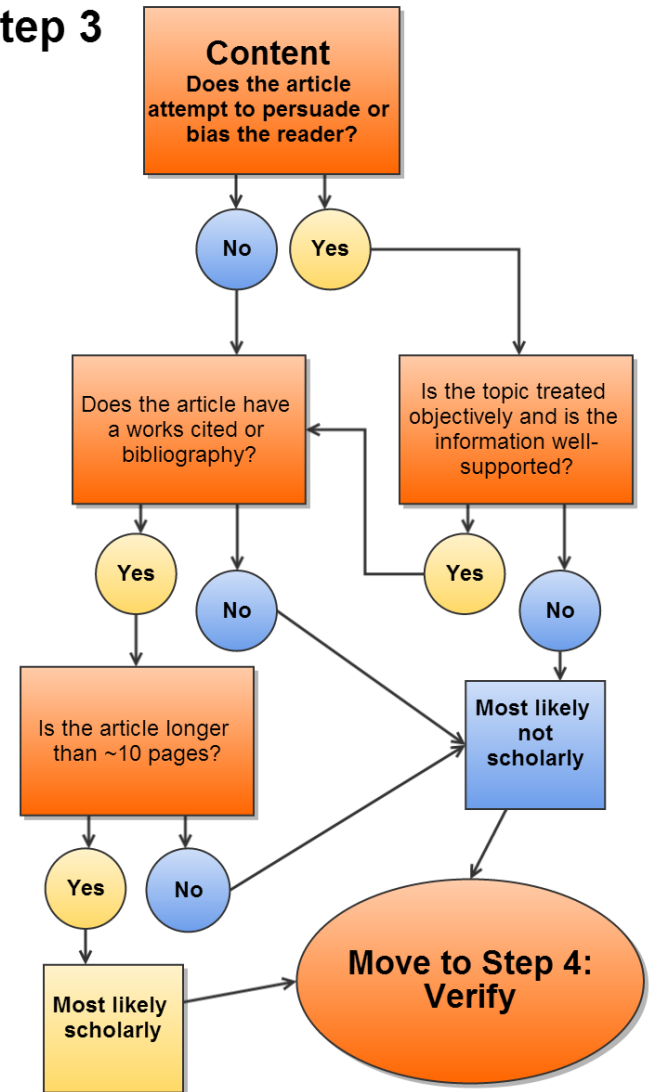
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Step 3



Step 4

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What kind of an article do you have?

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PURPOSE	Inform and report original research Provide in-depth analysis of issues related to a specific discipline	Provide current trends, news, re- search in a specific field Employment and career infor- mation	Entertain, inform, and per- suade without providing in- depth analysis
ARTICLES	Usually lengthy Focus on a narrow subject or piece of research Citations and bibliographies Charts, graphs, tables	Length varies Statistics and forecasts Sources cited "How to" information	Generally short Sources rarely cited
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AUTHORS	Scholars and professors Researchers in the field Author credentials are included	Scholars Staff writers Freelance journalists	Freelance journalists Editorial staff Authors may not be identified
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