

Scorecard: Evaluating A Journal Article

Answer the questions about the article by circling Y (Yes) or N (No). Count the Y's to get a total score (maximum is 16).

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Currency	Does the article address current environments (eg. last 5 years)?	Y N	Does the article reference / cite current articles?	Y N	Is the full text of the article available?	Y N			___/3
Relevance	Does the information in the article relate to your topic / answer your question?	Y N	Is the information at an appropriate level for a Michener student?	Y N	Does the article follow the format: purpose; literature review; methods; findings; significance; recommendations?	Y N	Have you considered a variety of sources before determining this is the one to use?	Y N	___/4
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TOTAL:									___/16



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