How do I tell if a source is scholarly?

If it's a **periodical article**, investigate the periodical to find out if it's peer-reviewed. Easy ways to do this:

* If you're in *EBSCO*or *ProQuest*, clicking on the name of the periodical will take you to information about it. One piece of information will be whether or not it's peer-reviewed.
* Google it! Sometimes you can even Google "Is [name of journal] peer reviewed" and get your answer.

If it's a **book**, investigate the publisher.

* If the publisher is a university press, it's scholarly.
* If the publisher is an academic publisher, it's scholarly. (*Wikipedia* actually has a good list of academic publishing companies here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Academic\_publishing\_companies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category%3AAcademic_publishing_companies))
* If the publisher is a trade publisher, it's *not* scholarly.
* If you can't find conclusive information about the publisher, or the publisher handles both academic and trade works, talk to me or a librarian!

Also, if it's a **website** or you can't tell what kind of thing it is, talk to me or a librarian!