

# Reading an Academic Article

*Academic articles are best read out of order. Follow the order described below to help you grasp the content of the article faster.*

## 1. Summary/Abstract

The summary/abstract is a single paragraph found at the top of the article.

- a. Read the summary or abstract. What is the article going to be about?

## 2. Conclusion/Results:

The conclusion/results section is near the end of the article.

- a. Summarize the main findings of the study.

## 3. Introduction:

Go back to the first few paragraphs of the article (starting after the summary/abstract).

- a. What is one sentence in the article that sums up the article's purpose?

## 4. Importance/Discussion:

This section typically follows the conclusions/results section of the article.

- a. Why is this article important or interesting? Why would it be relevant?

- b. What are some possible limitations of the study?

## 5. Methodology:

The methodology section typically follows the introduction.

- a. How was this study conducted?