Reading a Journal Article

1. **Abstract**

What topic is this article about? What is the author’s major finding?

1. **Literature Review**

What research has already been done in this area? What does the research in this article add to the big picture?

1. **Methods**

What kind of evidence is the author going to use in this article? How was this evidence collected?

1. **Results**

What did the authors find? Does the evidence that they present match the claims that they make?

1. **Discussion/ Conclusion**

What are the authors’ main arguments? Are these conclusions supported by the evidence? Why are they important?