Magazines and Journals: What is the Difference?

Journals

- Articles written are evaluated by a group of experts in the appropriate field, often written by PhDs.
- Articles are usually long, in black text and include no or very few pictures.
- A bibliography is almost always included.
- The journal is intended for a specialized audience, written with specialized vocabulary.
- Articles are indexed in special indexes: Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (online databases), etc.
- Also known as Peer Reviewed or Scholarly Journals.

Magazines

- Articles are written by journalists or staff writers.
- Articles are not very long and include pictures or images related to the article.
- The intended audience of a magazine is the general population.
- Articles are indexed in general indexes: Academic Search Complete (online database) article.

Example titles of Magazines:
- Art in America
- Parent’s
- People Weekly

Example titles of Journals:
- Aztlan: Journal of Chicano Studies
- Child Development
- Harvard Business Review