Questions for Analyzing Scholarly Articles

Abstract:
- According to the abstract, what is the main purpose of the article?

Introduction:
- What issues does the author seem to be concerned about? What importance does the author assign to those issues?
- What is the author’s thesis/argument?
- What does the author say about other people’s research?

Methods:
- What type of study was conducted?
- What data was collected? How was it used?

Results:
- What were the author’s findings?

Discussion:
- What evidence does the author give in the discussion section to support the thesis? Give 2-3 examples of evidence the author uses. How well does the evidence support the author’s thesis?
- What does the author recommend as a result of their findings? Do their recommendations fit with what their research found?
- Does the author address the problems or limitations of their research methods? If so, what flaws or limitations do they mention?
- What does the author suggest for future research?