**How to analyse a scholarly reading:**

Consider the general subject/problem/research areas, the scope (what the author intends to discuss and why), and the central idea.

Analyse the various parts of the article so that you can establish its strengths and weaknesses. Considering both strengths and weaknesses allows you to explore the article more thoroughly.

Consider the following questions; however, not all will be appropriate for every article.

What is the objective/purpose of the research, study or work discussed in the article? Does the author accomplish this objective?

Does the author define any terms? Are the definitions specific, useful?

What is the main issue being discussed?

What are the major concepts discussed in the article?

What are the important facts presented in the article? To quickly establish this, look at the conclusion, as this is where the facts and findings are summarised.

Does the author suggest areas for further research or discussion?

Were the findings reported in a consistent and clear format?

Did the article fail to acknowledge and explain any limitations?

Was the logic clear and were claims properly supported with convincing data? Did you spot any fallacies?

Did you agree with the thesis or believe the findings? If everything was logical, clear, and well-ordered, yet you remain sceptical, how would you explain that? Perhaps a fundamental difference in values would explain it, or perhaps you know of counter-evidence not considered by the author.