This table goes over the difference between a quality article and a popular magazine article:

	Popular	Quality
Purpose	Articles are written to inform, entertain or persuade	Academic or scientific research articles and information
Content	Covers broad subjects and topics of general interest	Articles which usually focus on original stories and/or research
Intended Audience	Appeal to broad, general readership	Specialized readership; those who are informed on the topic
Authors	Magazine staff or freelance writers	Experts, scholars, professionals in subject field and professional journalists
Layout & Style	Usually shorter articles written on glossy pages with advertising	Longer articles, often including tables, graphs, charts
Text	Non-technical language	Technical, specialized terminology
References	Generally not cited	Documented research with footnotes and bibliographies
Review Policy	Reviewed by editor	Reviewed by a panel of peers and editors
Publisher	Published commercially	Published by an association, verified news outlet, academic institution, or professional organization