6 Elements

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Literature review
- Methodology
- Results
- Discussion/Conclusion

• (may vary for law journals)
10 Questions to Ask

• What is the thesis or main idea from this article?
• What is/are the hypothesis/hypotheses?
• Is there any prior literature used to support the hypothesis?
• What methods are used to support the hypothesis?
• Is this a qualitative or quantitative study?
10 Questions to Ask (Cont’d)

• What are the results and how does the author present the results?
• Do you believe that the authors provided a persuasive argument? Why or why not?
• Who is the intended audience of this article?
• What does the article add to your knowledge of the subject?
• What are the implications for policy that can be derived from this article?