How do I know it’s scholarly, and how do I know it’s research?

The rule for scholarly (or academic) articles generally boils down to this:

the article has a bibliography (or reference list, or footnotes).

The rule for research articles is:

the article documents and describes a new experiment.

Parts of a research article.

Research articles often contain:

1. **Abstract**
   (a summary of the article - found at the top of the article)

2. **Introduction**
   (a review that cites the past experiments of other researchers that are relevant to this new experiment - found at the beginning of the article)

3. **Methods or Methodology**
   (the techniques and equipment used for the experiment)

4. **Results**
   (the analysis – often statistical – of the results of the experiment)

5. **Discussion**
   (what the results mean)

6. **Conclusion**
   (what impact the research may have on the future of the discipline)