

HONORS 210
final paper
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Find a popular article on Einstein's theory of relativity, written within 10 years or so after 1919. There are a great many such articles. Some may be found in the periodicals collection in the basement of the Alcuin Library, and many others are now available on-line—your main problem will be which one to choose. Some of these periodicals have not yet been electronically cataloged, so you may want to look at the various bound guides to periodical literature that are available. One can do worse than going to the stacks, and browsing. See the reference librarian or me if you are having trouble getting started.

Your analysis of your article should in most cases include (at least) the following points:

- a careful summary of the article
- What was the intended audience? (Other articles in the magazine or journal can help answer this question. Don't forget to look at the advertisements—they can tell you a lot!)
- Who is the author? You will probably need to use some of the resources of the reference section in the library to find out. (There are a number of biographical dictionaries there—ask the reference librarian for help if you need it.)
- How well does the author seem to understand the material? (You may wish to consult me on this point.)
- What is the purpose of the article (i.e., what is the author trying to accomplish)?
- Is there any suggestion of anti-German feeling resulting from World War I, or any suggestion of anti-Semitism?
- What other features of the article you picked struck you as interesting and noteworthy?

This list is **not** intended to be inclusive. Nor is it intended to be a guide or outline that you should follow in organizing your paper! Rather, it is a series of questions that I hope will get you thinking about how to analyze and talk about your article in the historical context in which it was written.

Please turn in your article along with the paper. The three-page limit is removed for this assignment, and the paper is due at the end of the semester.