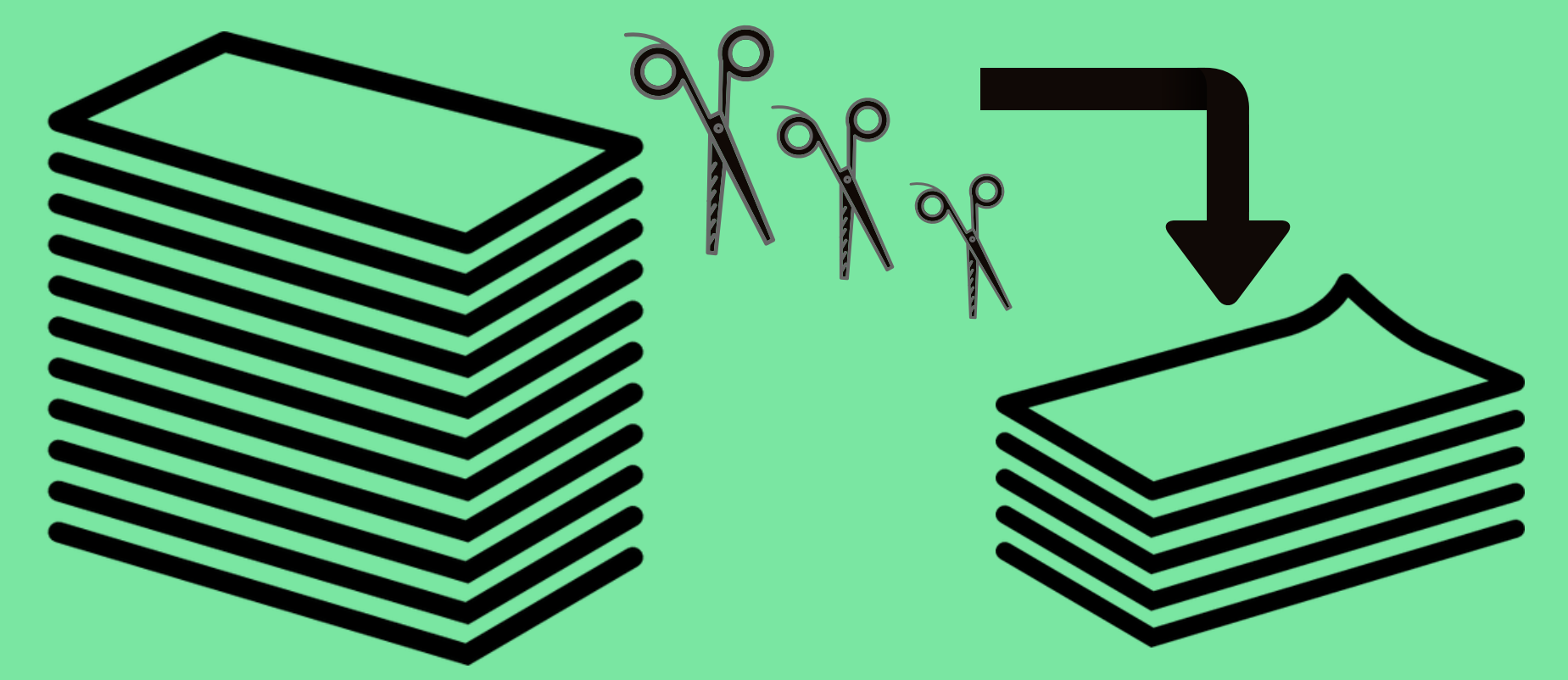


# 9 differences between a thesis and a journal article



	<b>Thesis</b>	<b>Journal Article</b>
<b>Purpose</b> 	<b>1 Education -</b> To demonstrate how much you know	<b>Advancement -</b> To establish credibility in and contribute to your field
<b>Potential Audience</b> 	<b>2 Educational committee or professors -</b> Individuals who evaluate whether you are worthy of a degree	<b>Busy scientists or researchers -</b> Individuals looking for practical ideas backed with evidence
<b>Length</b> 	<b>3 Longer -</b> Can run up to around 50 pages and contain around 20,000 words	<b>Shorter -</b> Can range between 3 to 6,000 words depending on the field & journal Tip: Avoid copying, rewrite or paraphrase
<b>Abstract</b> 	<b>4 Relatively longer -</b> Around 350 words	<b>Relatively shorter -</b> Around 150 to 250 words
<b>Introduction</b> 	<b>5 More detailed -</b> Should demonstrate familiarity with existing literature and develop background more extensively	<b>More concise -</b> Should only include information that is absolutely required to understand the gap in research that led to the study
<b>Materials &amp; Methods</b> 	<b>6 Extensive presentation -</b> Thoroughly describes and present each research approach and methodology	<b>Controlled presentation -</b> Describes details only of specific methodology used and experiments conducted
<b>Discussion</b> 	<b>7 Detailed interpretation of results -</b> Demonstrate complete understanding of the obtained data, and indicate interest in future directions for research	<b>Clear and concise interpretation of results -</b> Discuss only the main findings and directly address research objectives
<b>References</b> 	<b>8 Exhaustive list -</b> Some include a bibliography, and some might even include a 'definitions' section	<b>Selective list -</b> Includes only works that have been cited within the article (some journals specify maximum limit)
<b>Appendices</b> 	<b>9 Inclusion mandatory -</b> Due to the need for complete documentation	<b>Inclusion optional -</b> Space & content requirements may limit the use of these

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