

Criteria for judging submissions to the Journal of Mormon History

Thank you for agreeing to review an article that has been submitted to the Journal of Mormon History. We asked you to review the article because we value your expertise or your general knowledge of the topic. We hope you will consider the following questions as you review the article. If you would like, you may use these questions as a rubric for your review. However, you can also just write your comments.

Does the potential article have a clear direction/a thesis? Can you follow the author's argument?
Does it have a conclusion?

Does the potential article add to the understanding of the subject and provide new information or new directions?

Does the author have a clear understanding of the subject and what has been written about it in the past?

Does the author use primary and secondary sources with a focus on primary information?

Is the potential article well written?

Please let us know if you feel that the potential article is:

Ready for publication and can be accepted.

Can be accepted but needs to answers some questions before it is ready for publication

Could be accepted with revisions; needs to be reviewed again

Is not ready for publication

If appropriate, please provide explanations and suggestions that we can pass on to the author. Unless you feel there is a need, We will not tell the author who the reviewer was.