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1. General guidelines

A typical article will be 3,000–5,000 words. A typical book review will be 800-1,000 words.

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