ENGLISH 101 WINTER 2018

Information Literacy Program
Which statement sounds more authoritative?

1. The Zika virus is a global public health emergency.

2. According to the *Port Huron Times Herald*, the Zika virus is a global public health emergency.

3. According to the *British Medical Journal*, the Zika virus is a global public health emergency.
Citing Sources
True or False?

If you use a passage of original material from an article and put it in your own words, you have to cite it.

1. True
2. False

What is the title of the journal?

1. “Design Mining…”
2. *ACM Digital Library*
3. *Evolutionary Computation*
4. I don’t know
**MLA Practice Template**

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*From *MLA Handbook* (8th ed.), published by the Modern Language Association [style.mla.org].*
Evaluating Sources
Articles from PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS are good sources of information for research papers.

1. True
2. False
MAGAZINE versus JOURNAL?

MAGAZINE

- Audience: General readers
- Author is often editorial staff
- Non-specialized articles
- Many advertisements
- Examples:
  - *Psychology Today*
  - *Popular Science*
  - *Ladies Home Journal*

JOURNAL

- Audience: Professionals or students in a particular field
- Author’s credentials are given
- May have graphs & bibliographies
- Peer reviewed or refereed
- Examples:
  - *Journal of Marriage and the Family*
  - *Nursing Research*
  - *College English*
Information from which of the following sources \textit{might} be biased?

1. \textit{Wall Street Journal}
2. \textit{Wikipedia}
3. Library database
4. Published book
5. All of the above
EVALUATING SOURCES

○ **WHO?**  Who is the author of this source? Are they qualified to write/speak on the subject? Are they biased in any way?

○ **WHAT IS THE SOURCE?**  Does it have a title? Is it a primary or secondary source? Is it authoritative or trustworthy?

○ **HOW WAS THE SOURCE PRODUCED?**  Who is the publisher or sponsoring organization?

○ **WHERE DID YOU FIND THE SOURCE?**  Was it through a library databases or through an internet search engine that may list results in a biased or weighted manner?

○ **WHEN WAS THE SOURCE PUBLISHED?**  Has it been replaced or updated?

ADVANCED SEARCHING SKILLS
Phrase searching

Put phrases in quotation marks to search as a phrase.

These two searches will yield different results:

Lake Michigan

“Lake Michigan”
**Boolean Logic**

This is a way of combining search terms together using these “Boolean” words or *operators*:

- **AND**
- **OR**
- **NOT**
Which Boolean operator narrows your search results?

1. OR
2. AND
3. I don’t know
Boolean logic: AND

“graffiti” AND “social movements”
Boolean logic: OR

graffiti OR “street murals”

graffiti OR “street murals”
**Boolean logic: NOT**

- **graffiti**
- "American Graffiti"

graffiti NOT "American Graffiti"
“social movements” AND (graffiti OR “street murals”)
Truncation

Truncate root words with an asterisk * to find all forms of the word.

Instead of using:

child OR children OR children’s OR child’s

use:

child*
Post test
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