ENGLISH 101 FALL 2017

Information Literacy Program
Which statement is more authoritative?

• I read that the Zika virus is a global public health emergency.

• I read in the Port Huron Times Herald that the Zika virus is a global public health emergency.

• I read in the British Medical Journal that the Zika virus is a global public health emergency.

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. “Patients Negatively Impacted…”
2. MLR
3. *Medical Care*
4. I don’t know
Evaluating Sources
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1. True
2. False
MAGAZINE
• Audience: General readers
• Author is often editorial staff
• Non-specialized articles
• Many advertisements
• Examples:
  – *Psychology Today*
  – *Prevention*
  – *Arthritis Today*

JOURNAL
• Audience: Professionals or students in a particular field
• Author’s credentials are given
• May have graphs & bibliographies
• Peer reviewed or refereed
• Examples:
  – *Pediatrics*
  – *Nursing Research*
  – *Nurse Practitioner*
Information from which of the following sources \textit{might} be biased?

1. Wall Street Journal
2. 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:

acute kidney failure
“acute kidney failure”
**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**

diabetes AND “myocardial infarction”

diabetes AND “myocardial infarction”
**Boolean logic: OR**

“heart attack” OR “myocardial infarction”
Boolean logic: NOT

(“heart attack” OR “myocardial infarction”) NOT diabetes
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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Thank you.