I. **Introduce Course Web Pages**
   MSUM Homepage > Research Tools > Library Guides > ENGL 101: Composition I (Zepper)

II. **Outcomes**
   Today, using a career, profession or work area of your choice, you will leave with:
   
   a. One **reference source**
   b. One **book** or **book chapter**
   c. One **journal** or **newspaper article**

III. **Reference sources**
   
   a. What are they?

   Sources that are not intended to be read cover-to-cover, but serve to provide concise, factual, information as you begin to explore an idea or subject area.

   b. Why are they useful?

   Because they provide:
   
   i. brief topical overviews with introductory background information;
   ii. descriptions of important dates, events, and people associated with the topic;
   iii. terminology and definitions of terms related to a topic;
   iv. shorter articles written by authors with expertise in the subject matter;
   v. bibliographies of sources for further reading.

IV. **Books & book chapters (MnPALS Online Library Catalog)**
   Books or monographs cover virtually any topic, fact or fiction. For research purposes, you should try to find books or individual book chapters that synthesize information about a topic to support an argument or thesis. Books are especially helpful when you need to:
   
   a. put your topic into context with other important issues;
   b. find historical information;
   c. locate summaries of research to support an argument;
   d. understand detailed, more in-depth information about a topic.

V. **Periodicals (Academic Search Complete & ProQuest Newsstand)**
   A periodical is any information source which is regularly published in multiple issues. A daily newspaper, a weekly news magazine, a monthly journal, and an annual book series are all examples of periodicals. Using periodicals in your research is important because:
   
   a. the bulk of published information appears in periodicals;
b. after the Internet and television, periodicals are the most current form of published information;
c. periodicals reflect the opinion of their times and consider evolving information and/or point of view;
d. periodicals are often the only information source available if book publishers are not interested covering a topic.

VI. Source evaluation

https://prezi.com/ictjmnffbpj/does-your-source-pass-the-craap-test/

Using one of the three sources you located above, complete the CRAAP Test worksheet. 
http://legacy.juniata.edu/services/library/instruction/handouts/craap_worksheet.pdf

VII. Your notes: