Choosing a Source

1. Sometimes you can tell from the title of an article if the article has information you need. Other times, the title doesn’t tell you much. When starting a research project, you have to look at many different sources to find the ones that are right for your project. Some journal articles are very long and it would be impossible to read all of them when you are just starting to select resources. The easiest way to quickly evaluate whether a source will work for you is to read the abstract. You can access the abstract by clicking on the title of the article.

2. An abstract is a brief summary of the article. In about twenty sentences, you can get a real feel for what the article is about and whether or not it will work in your project.