

EVALUATING SOURCES ON YOUR TOPIC

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TITLE OF YOUR ARTICLE:

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INFORMATION SOURCE CRITERIA	YOUR RANKING 0-5 (0=WORST; 5=BEST) AND NOTES TO ADD:
<p>CURRENCY: <i>TIMELINESS OF RESOURCES</i> +DOES THE PUBLICATION DATE FIT THE TIMEFRAME I NEED FOR MY TOPIC? (DO I NEED MORE RECENT PUBLICATIONS OR WILL OLDER ARTICLES WORK, TOO?)</p>	
<p>RELEVANCE: <i>ITS IMPORTANCE TO YOUR RESEARCH.</i> +DOES THIS SOURCE ANSWER A QUESTION I HAVE ABOUT MY TOPIC OR DOES IT HELP ME DEVELOP A NEW QUESTION TO PURSUE FURTHER INFORMATION ON MY TOPIC?</p>	
<p>AUTHORITY: <i>CREDIBILITY AND EXPERTISE OF THE PERSON OR GROUP WHO CREATED THE INFORMATION.</i> +WHO IS THE AUTHOR/PUBLISHER/ORGANIZATION OF THIS INFORMATION? +ARE THEY QUALIFIED TO WRITE ON MY TOPIC? WHAT ARE THE AUTHOR'S CREDENTIALS? <i>CAN YOU FIND THEM ANYWHERE ELSE ONLINE?</i> +IS THERE CONTACT INFORMATION, LIKE AN EMAIL ADDRESS, PUBLISHER, OR TWITTER HANDLE FOR THEM?</p>	
<p>ACCURACY: <i>THE RELIABILITY, TRUTHFULNESS, CORRECTNESS OF THE CONTENT.</i> +IS THE INFORMATION SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE? +CAN I VERIFY THIS INFORMATION BY CHECKING OTHER SOURCES? +ARE THERE SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR ANY OTHER MISTAKES? +DOES THE LANGUAGE AND TONE SEEM FREE OF EMOTION OR PERSONAL OPINION?</p>	
<p>PURPOSE: <i>THE REASON THE INFORMATION EXISTS</i> +DOES THE AUTHOR MAKE HIS/HER INTENTIONS FOR THE ARTICLE CLEAR? +WHAT IS THE PURPOSE? TO INFORM, TEACH, ENTERTAIN, PERSUADE? +IS THE INFORMATION MOSTLY FACTS, OPINIONS, OR PROPAGANDA?</p>	

SHOULD YOU USE THIS ARTICLE FOR YOUR RESEARCH? EXPLAIN: