

Source Evaluation Checklist

Source:

Include as much information as is available: author, title, publication information and date

1. Authority/Credibility

Is there an author? What are his/her credentials? Is the "author" an organization or association?
What makes this author an expert?

2. Purpose

Is the goal of the source to inform? To persuade? To advocate an agenda? To sell something? Are there ads? Do they relate to the site? Is it a commercial site? Governmental? Educational Institution?

3. Currency

When was the source published or created? Is there a revision or update date? A copyright date?

4. Accuracy

Is the information based on fact or opinion? Does the author provide evidence for statements? Are sources provided?

5. Ease of Use

Is the source well-organized? Can you find what you're looking for? Does the source offer anything unique?