

Evaluation of Web AND Print Resources

SOURCE

- Can you CLEARLY and QUICKLY identify the author of the printed source or creator of the web page?
- The author or creator may be an organization or association.

CREDENTIALS

- Can you determine what the author's credentials are? Look to see if the author has written any other works, including books and periodical articles.
- In the web page, is there an e-mail address for the author or creator?

TYPE OF INFORMATION

- Is the information scholarly, popular, governmental or from a private business?
- Are the web pages entertainment, educational, business, personal pages or informative?

PURPOSE

- Is the author or creator making an argument for personal gain, offering an opinion, giving a factual report (such as news item) or relaying a personal opinion.
- Can you identify objective writing (both sides of the argument) or a subjective bias (expressing one's own point of view)?

SOURCES

- Can you determine where the author gathered the information?
- Is the material from original research, experiments, observation, interviews, books and documents?
- Are secondary references (a bibliography, for example) provided?

TIMELINESS

- When and where was the material published?
- Can you determine if the web page has been updated frequently (if necessary)?

STYLE

- Is the style of the author or creator of the web page clear and understandable?
- Do the graphics of the web page get in the way of the text or do they enhance your understanding of the material?

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