

Guidelines For Evaluating Sources

<p>Useful Sources and Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contain relevant information Are written at the appropriate level for your needs Have a good quantity of information Have value because they help you learn something and/or answer your question Are easy to use because they are clearly written and easy to navigate (source) 	<p>Reliable Sources and Information are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Credible Accurate Objective and unbiased Well presented (organized and easy to follow)
<p>Objective Sources will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent multiple viewpoints on one topic Not show bias or favoritism to only one side Avoid exaggerated or emotional language choice (i.e. always, never, despicable) 	
<p>Use this link for additional information on sites and domains</p> <p>Types of Sites and Domain Suffixes</p>	

Rubric for Evaluating Sources

Component	Rating	Notes/Explanation
Content	3 2 1 0	3: Excellent- meets all criteria 2: Good- meets most criteria 1: Fair- meets some criteria 0: Poor- does not meet criteria
Site provides enough information that is relevant to your topic and research questions.	3 2 1 0	
Information is well organized, up-to-date and/or current enough for your topic of research.	3 2 1 0	
Information is written by an expert or trusted publication (able to be confirmed).	3 2 1 0	
Is balanced and fair (uses objective/unbiased wording).	3 2 1 0	
Is written at the appropriate level for you and your purpose.	3 2 1 0	

Links provided are linked to other useful sources containing useful information.	3 2 1 0	
Total Score for Content	_____/18	
Technical Elements		
Site looks official and moves from page to page easily.	3 2 1 0	
Page loads quickly and properly.	3 2 1 0	
Links to other sources work.	3 2 1 0	
Total Score for Tech Elements	_____/9	
Credibility		
The author or organization's name providing the information is listed.	3 2 1 0	
Name of the company or organization responsible for the website is provided.	3 2 1 0	
Date of when the site was last updated is provided.	3 2 1 0	
Total Score for Credibility	_____/9	
Total Score for the Website	_____/36	
Based on your rubric and analysis, is the site one you should use for research?	Yes/No	Why or why not?