

HOW TO EVALUATE ONLINE SOURCES

A quick guide to analyzing research resources

CONSIDER: AUTHORITY

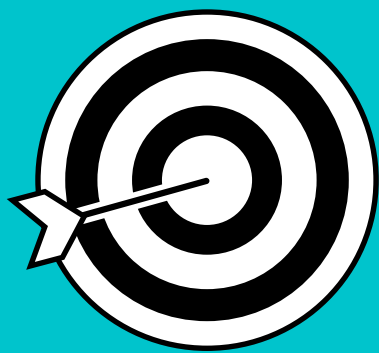
Establish point of view and credibility.



Ask yourself - Who wrote this source? What is their point of view? Is this person a voice of authority on this topic? Are there any potential areas of bias? Are there any perspectives being excluded?

CONSIDER: PURPOSE

Establish the source's main goal(s).



Ask yourself - What type of source is it (i.e. informational or persuasive)? Does this source seek to answer some question? Is there some argument being made? If yes, how does the author support this argument?

CONSIDER: RELEVANCE

Establish if the source aides your purpose.



Ask yourself - How relevant is this source to your research? Does this source provide you with new information or a new perspective? Does it add to the scholarly conversation around your topic? What is the scope of information covered by the source?

CONSIDER: PUBLICATION

Establish the source's basic details.



Ask yourself - When was this source published? Where was this source published? Is this a peer-reviewed source? Has this source been updated since its initial publication? Does the author provide citations or references to other research?