

Authority: *the source of the information*

Who is the author / publisher / source / sponsor? _____

What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?

What are the author's qualifications to write on this topic?

Is there contact information? Yes No

*Websites Only: does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? (circle: .com, .edu, .gov, .org, .net)

explain: _____

Accuracy: *the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content*

Is the information supported by evidence? Yes No

Are there citations or a bibliography? Yes No

Has the information been reviewed or refereed? Yes No

Can you verify any of the information in another source? Yes No

Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion? Yes No

Are there spelling, grammar or typographical errors? Yes No

Purpose: *the reason the information exists*

What is the purpose of the information? Is it to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade?

Do the creator(s) make their intentions or purpose clear? Yes No

Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? Yes No

explain: _____

Are there any political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal bias? Yes No

explain: _____

Do you consider this source (circle one):

highly credible

somewhat credible

of questionable credibility

not credible