



# Evaluating Sources

How can you tell if a source is reliable? This worksheet will guide you through questions to consider. If you're ever in doubt about a source, remember you can always contact your friendly librarian for help!

## AUTHOR

Who is the author? What makes them an authority to speak on this topic?

**Hint:** *authority can come from an author's educational background, their job, societal position, or relevant personal experience.*

## PUBLICATION

What is the publication? Check the publication's website to see if they have an "about" page describing their mission and editorial process.

**Hint:** *If they don't have that information on their website, see if they have a Wikipedia page or if other publications have written about them.*

## TYPE OF SOURCE

What type of source is this? Is it a scholarly source, popular source, a government report, or something else? How do you know?

**Hint:** *consider what type of editing or review process the source had to go through before it could be published*

## WARNING SIGNS

What are some signs that a source is not reliable?

## IS THIS RELIABLE?

Is this source credible/reliable? Why or why not? To determine this, consider the author, publication, whether the source uses citations or other means to refer to other sources, and whether the source is fair/objective.