



# EVALUATING SOURCES

How do you know if a source is reliable? This worksheet will guide you through questions to ask!

## AUTHOR

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



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

## PUBLICATION

Where is this published? Check their 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.

## WARNING SIGNS

What are some warning signs this source *might not* be reliable?

## 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



## IS THIS SOURCE 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.