

Evaluating Online Sources Worksheet

Objective: Practice identifying credible, accurate, and objective online sources.
Complete one for each source you use in your research.

Name / Title of article or webpage:

Date Accessed:

Author's Name (if given):

Author's Background (education, job, expertise) if given:

Where is the article published?

(e.g., .edu, .org, .gov, .com, etc.)

Does the article cite sources or include a bibliography? Circle one: **Yes** / **No**

Is the information recent (within the last 5-15 years)? Circle one: **Yes** / **No**

Is the article detailed, informative? (explain)

Evidence & Objectivity Check

What kinds of evidence does the article use? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics | <input type="checkbox"/> Expert quotes | <input type="checkbox"/> Links to studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical facts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal opinions | <input type="checkbox"/> News reports | <input type="checkbox"/> No evidence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) |

Does the article consider more than one side of the issue? Yes No

Does it use emotional or dramatic language? Yes No

Give an example of neutral or biased wording from the article:

Fact check at least one of the important claims made in this article in another source.

Source you checked: _____

Does it confirm the article's information? Yes No

ChatGPT or other AI: if you pose a question to ChatGPT be sure to ask for sources for that information when it makes its reply. Use the sheet above to verify the strength of those sources for any claim you intend to use.