Resource Evaluation Worksheet
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Use the worksheet below to evaluate your resource.

Author(s): ____________________________________________________________

Article title: __________________________________________________________

Journal/magazine/newspaper title: ________________________________________

Type of publication

- Scholarly / peer-review journal
- Professional / trade publication
- Popular media (newspaper, magazine)
- Other:

Using the Evaluating Resources sheet, discuss the following evaluation criteria.

Author & Credibility
Does this author have the credentials to write about this topic? How can you tell?

Are there any references or links provided? How do they add to the credibility of this article?

Transparency & Objectivity
Why do you think this article was written? Is it presenting an opinion? Factual information?

Is there any bias or agenda being presented? If so, describe it.
Accuracy
What makes you trust that the information presented here is accurate? Or do you have doubts? Why?

What point is the author making? What evidence is used to support this?

Currency & Scope
Does the date of this article/research affect how accurate it might be? How current does your research need to be? Does this article fit that need?

Does this article cover your topic at a level of detail appropriate for your research? Explain.

Taking all the above into account, what is your overall opinion of this source?

Don’t trust it 1 2 3 4 5 Great resource