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Evaluating Sources Graphic Organizer

Directions: Take notes on the chart to determine whether a source is credible.

| | Questions to Ask | Notes |
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| Identify the author | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If it is an individual, do they have expertise or credentials related to the topic?• If an organization, does it have a reputation for producing reliable information? | |
| Evaluate the publication or website | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is it a well-known and respected publication?• Is the website professionally managed and maintained? | |
| Check for citations or references | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the article provide evidence to support its claims?• Does it refer to other reputable sources? | |

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| Assess the accuracy and reliability | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the source provide well-supported facts, statistics, or research?• Are there any obvious inconsistencies or errors? | |
| Consider the date and relevance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the information up-to-date and relevant to the research topic?• Might there be more up-to-date information available? | |
| Look for bias or agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the purpose of the article? Is it informing, persuading, entertaining, or selling something?• Does the article present an objective viewpoint and consider alternative perspectives? | |