Guide for Determining Credibility and Usefulness

	Questions for Evaluation
Source	• What is the source? • What type of source is it (news source/education source/government source/non-profit source/other)?
Identify the author	• If it is an individual, do they have expertise or credentials related to the topic? • If it is an organization, does it have a reputation for producing reliable information?
Evaluate the publication or website	• Is it a well-known and respected publication? • Is the website professionally managed and maintained?
Check for citations or references	• Does the article provide evidence to support its claims? • Does it refer to other reputable sources?
Assess the accuracy and reliability	• Does the source provide well-supported facts, statistics, or research? • Are there any obvious inconsistencies or errors?
Consider the date and relevance	• 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	• 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?

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