

## Source Evaluation Sample Response

**Name of selected figure who practiced civil disobedience:** Nelson Mandela

|                     | Questions for Evaluation                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Notes on Source 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Notes on Source 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Notes on Source 3 (optional)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Source              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the source?</li><li>• What type of source is it (news source/education source/government source/non-profit source/other)?</li></ul>                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Biography of Nelson Mandela" from the Nelson Mandela Foundation</li><li>• Nonprofit organization</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Defiance Campaign 1952" from South African History Online</li><li>• Nonprofit organization</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Nelson Mandela Biography" from The New York Public Library</li><li>• Nonprofit organization</li></ul>                                                                                                  |
| Identify the author | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If it is an individual, do they have expertise or credentials related to the topic?</li><li>• If it is an organization, does it have a reputation for producing reliable information?</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The organization was founded by Nelson Mandela in 1999. In their About Us page, they describe their core work as creating a dynamic information resource on the life of Nelson Mandela as well as promoting solutions to social problems.</li><li>• The foundation's team is comprised of individuals with advanced degrees.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The organization has a strong reputation for reliability. It is considered the largest and most comprehensive website on South African and African history and culture.</li><li>• Linked to a partnership program with universities, schools, and community-based projects</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tiana Taliep is an archivist with a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences.</li><li>• The NYPL is the nation's largest public library system, with immense research collections.</li></ul> |

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|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nonprofit is a winner of the National Institute of Humanities and Social Science Award for digital humanities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Evaluate the publication or website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it a well-known and respected publication?</li> <li>Is the website professionally managed and maintained?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The foundation is well-respected with prominent donors such as former president Bill Clinton and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.</li> <li>The website is well-organized, professional, and easy to navigate.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The organization is well-recognized as a national and cultural asset, having received praise by the State President in 2018 for its commitment to preserving the country's history through research.</li> <li>The website is professional and easy to navigate.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NYPL is a well-respected institution for books and information.</li> <li>The website is professional and easy to navigate.</li> </ul> |

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| Check for citations or references   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the article provide evidence to support its claims?</li> <li>Does it refer to other reputable sources?</li> </ul>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although the biography itself does not cite sources, an essential part of the foundation is generating an information resource using archives and research. I assume this biography is supported by the foundation's archives and research on Nelson Mandela.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>References to archives where information was found are linked at the bottom of the page.</li> </ul>                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Although the biography does not cite sources, I can assume that this summary of Mandela's life is supported by Taliep's research as a archivist and librarian.</li> </ul> |
| Assess the accuracy and reliability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the source provide well-supported facts, statistics, or research?</li> <li>Are there any obvious inconsistencies or errors?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The facts are well-supported by other sources when cross-referenced.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The source is well-supported by archival research.</li> <li>There is consistency in information when cross-referenced with other sources.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is consistency in information when cross-referenced with other biographies about Nelson Mandela's life.</li> </ul>                                                  |

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| Consider the date and relevance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the information up-to-date and relevant to the research topic?</li> <li>Might there be more up-to-date information available?</li> </ul>                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The biography provides information relevant to the research topic about Nelson Mandela's anti-apartheid activism, the strategies he used for civil disobedience, challenges he faced, and his lasting impacts.</li> <li>Information is up to date.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source provides relevant information about the Defiance Campaign, a large-scale non-violence resistance campaign that Mandela helped lead.</li> <li>Information was last updated in 2019.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source provides information relevant to Nelson Mandela's civil disobedience, time spent in prison, as well as the positive impacts he had on the world.</li> <li>Information was last updated on January 6, 2023.</li> </ul> |
| Look for bias or agenda         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the purpose of the article? Is it informing, persuading, entertaining, or selling something?</li> <li>Does the article present an objective viewpoint and consider alternative perspectives?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of the biography is to inform. It presents information objectively.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of the article is to inform. It presents information objectively.</li> </ul>                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of the biography is to inform. It presents information objectively.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   |