



Evaluating Information Worksheet

Instructions: Evaluate a resource that gives information about your topic. Fill in the information below. Then, share what you have discovered with others. Rate the resource for overall balance, lack of bias, and factual basis.

Accuracy and Authority

Who wrote the resource? _____

How might you get in touch with the author or editor? _____

What are the author's credentials or experience in this area? _____

Type of publisher:

- college, university, research body
- government agency
- commercial publisher
- nonprofit organization
- individual
- unknown

Objectivity

What appear to be the goals of this resource? Why was it written and published? _____

Does the resource focus mostly on: facts opinions

How can you tell? _____

If this resource were a TV show, would it be:

- sitcom (predictable problem & easy solutions)
- infomercial
- news broadcast
- soap opera
- documentary

Was the material reviewed or edited? Is it recommended by anyone else? _____

Do you trust the author and publisher to be unbiased? Why or why not? _____

Does the bibliography show that information was pulled from a variety of sources? yes no

Timeliness

What date was the resource published? _____ If it has been updated, when?

Do references to statistics include the date related information was gathered? yes no