

The source credibility guide

Follow these **six tips** to help keep your sources credible:

Origin

From where was the source retrieved?

For Digital: What is the domain?

com, .org, .gov, .net?

For Print: Who is the publisher?

Is the source printed by a well-known publishing press, or a university press, or other?

Is the source primary or secondary?

Author

Who is the author of the source?

How qualified is the author to write on this topic?

Is the author sponsored by an organization?

Perspective

From what perspective is the source written?

What is the author's point of view?

What is the tone or voice of the writing?

Is the writing biased/unbiased? Does there seem to be an agenda?

Relevance

How relevant is the source?

When was the content published?

How current is the source and/or when was it last updated?

Does the source fit the needs of the assignment?

Does the assignment require an overview, or something specific?

Does the assignment require primary sources?

Purpose

What is the purpose of the source?

Who is the intended audience?

Why was the source written?

Inform? Opinion? Entertain? Persuade? Sell?

Academic

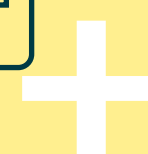
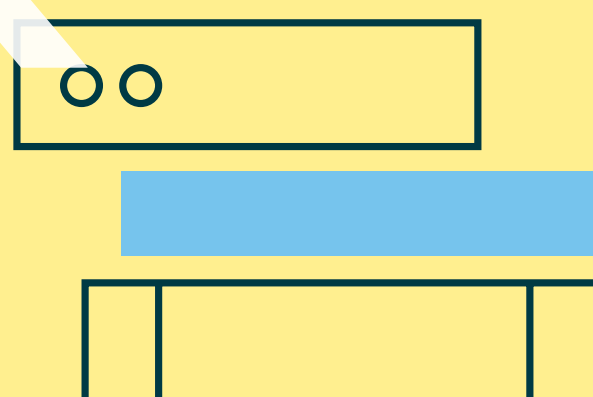
How scholarly is the source?

Is the content supported by evidence?

Are there references? Does the author cite credible sources?

Is the source peer reviewed?

Check



authentic
good