

Name _____ **Deciding What Sources to Use**

Assessing a Source



Directions: Answer the following questions to assess the credibility of your source.

Who is the author? How are they an expert on this topic? (education, credentials, work experience)

Did the author include citations (footnotes, endnotes, etc.) and/or a bibliography? If the source is online, does it link back to the original sources of its information?

What is the purpose of this source?

Is the source biased in any way? How?

Is the source recent? How recent? Is the recency of the information important for your research topic?

How was this source published? Do you think that anyone besides the author reviewed or fact-checked this information

Is this source is popular or scholarly? How do you know?

Is this source an appropriate for your paper? Why or why not?