

Should I Use This Source?

Any source you uses in your research has to be both credible and appropriate to your research question. You can quickly assess whether or not a particular source is credible and appropriate by answering a few questions during the research process. Use the questions below to evaluate the author, the source, and the suitability of this source for your audience.

- Does the source relate to your topic?
- How do you plan to use it?
- Who is the author? What makes them an expert?
- What was the original purpose of this text?
- How current is this text?
- What was the publication process for this text?
- Who is your audience? Would this text have credibility with your audience?



Evaluation of Author

Evaluation of Source

Evaluation of Author's Purpose

Evaluation of Your Audience