



Evaluating Credibility: Origin

When considering the credibility of a potential source, you must consider its origin. Where does the information come from?

- If the information is online, what is the domain of the website? Is it a .com, .org, .edu, .net?
- If the information is in print, who published it? Is it a well-known and respected publisher? Was it peer-reviewed? Is the information from a primary or from a secondary source?
- Who wrote the information? How qualified is the author to write on this topic? Is the author affiliated or sponsored by any organization that might influence this author in a way that might hamper the author's objectivity?

DIRECTIONS: Evaluate the origin of your sources.

Source Information: _____

This source is print / digital.

Publisher/Domain: _____

Publication Process: _____

Primary or Secondary Source? How do you know? _____

Who is the author? _____

What do you know about them? _____

Does your analysis of its origin suggest this source is credible? _____