Assess your Information & Sources

Resource name: ____________________________________________________________

What kind of resource is this? Circle one: Academic encyclopedia, book, scholarly journal, trade publication, popular magazine, newspaper, educational film/video, or website

Article/page title: __________________________________________________________

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Currency

• How recent is the information?

• When was it published? If a website. How recently has the website been updated?

• Is it current enough for your topic? Explain.

Reliability

• What kind of information is included in the resource?

• Is content of the resource primarily opinion? Is it balanced?

• Does it include references or sources for data, claims, and quotations? Explain.

Authority

• Who is the author or creator?

• What are their credentials?

• Who is the publisher or sponsor?

• What is the publisher’s interest (if any) in this information?

Purpose/Point of View

• Is the source: Informative? Opinion? Entertainment?

• What is its point of view?

• Is the creator/author trying to sell you something? Does it have ads?