

Research Evaluation Worksheet

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What does the title tell you about the content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the title of the book, journal, article, website, or the URL. • A resource can have a great title but then be full of tangential ideas or not be related to your research – or vice versa – look deeper.
Can you find information about the author ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the author named? • Does the author have expertise on the subject? • What are his/her qualifications? Look for information in the book or article. • You can use Google or Google Scholar to find evidence of articles on the same subject by the author. • Is there contact information on a website?
What is the date ? Is there a date ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How current is the resource? • Is it important that the information be current? • Is there a date of the last update on a website?
Who is the intended audience ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the language simple or technical? Is it scholarly? • Use Google to find information about a publication.
How relevant is the resource?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the resource about? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For a book, check the table of contents and the index ○ For an article, read the abstract, summary, and conclusion. ○ For a website, check the home page for clues. • Is the subject applicable to your research?
How objective is the content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the author's point of view? • Is the resource well-researched and detailed? • Or is it biased? • Is the information the author's opinion or supported by facts? • Are there advertisements or items for sale?
Does the author document his or her sources ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there references, citations or related sources of information? • Are there footnotes?