

Questions to Ask When Evaluating Sources

- Who is the author/creator of this content?
 - Is it a company or organization? An individual?
 - What do they do?
 - Are they anonymous? If so, why do you think that is?

- When was this published?
 - Is it recent enough to be relevant to your research?
 - If it's not very recent, is there a chance the information might be outdated and inaccurate?

- What are the author's claims?
 - What kind of evidence does the author use to support those claims? Facts? Statistics? Assumptions? Opinions?
 - Do you agree or disagree with the author's argument or perspective? Why?

- Whose voices/viewpoints are not being heard?
 - Do the authors leave out important facts or alternative perspectives?

- What is your position on this topic?
 - What evidence (research) can you provide to support your position?
 - Does this source make you reconsider that position?