

# Things to Think About When Judging Sources



location	bias	purpose	documentation	date
<b>Where did you find the source?</b>	<b>Does it favor one side or give only one particular viewpoint?</b>	<b>Who created the document and why?</b>	<b>Are there lots of opinions that are not supported by facts?</b>	<b>When was the document published?</b>
<p>Is it from a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• newspaper article?</li><li>• government website?</li><li>• private company's website?</li><li>• private "blog"?</li></ul>	<p>Does it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• state something as a "fact" that you can show to be untrue?</li><li>• make a person or group seem perfect, flawless, or super-human?</li><li>• make a person or group seem 100% wrong, flawed, or bad?</li><li>• give one view without recognizing that others exist?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What were the motives of the author(s)?</li><li>• Does this source benefit from you believing this point of view?</li></ul>	<p>Does it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• refer to official statistics that can be verified?</li><li>• leave out key facts?</li></ul>	<p>Is it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• outdated, or old enough that there may have been new facts discovered since it was published?</li><li>• very recent, or more likely to have the most up-to-date information?</li></ul>