**Things to Think About When Judging Sources**

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**Location**
- Is it from a:
  - newspaper article?
  - government website?
  - private company’s website?
  - private “blog”?

**Bias**
- Does it:
  - state something as a “fact” that you can show to be untrue?
  - make a person or group seem perfect, flawless, or super-human?
  - make a person or group seem 100% wrong, flawed, or bad?
  - give one view without recognizing that others exist?

**Purpose**
- What were the motives of the author(s)?
- Does this source benefit from you believing this point of view?

**Documentation**
- Does it:
  - refer to official statistics that can be verified?
  - leave out key facts?

**Date**
- Is it:
  - outdated, or old enough that there may have been new facts discovered since it was published?
  - very recent, or more likely to have the most up-to-date information?