

# Research Evaluation Worksheet

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# Research Evaluation Rubric

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What does the <b>title</b> tell you about the content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at the title of the book, journal, article, website, or the URL.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
Can you find information about the <b>author</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the author named?</li> <li>• Does the author have expertise on the subject?</li> <li>• What are his/her qualifications? Look for information in the book or article.</li> <li>• You can use Google or Google Scholar to find evidence of articles on the same subject by the author.</li> <li>• Is there contact information on a website?</li> </ul>
What is the <b>date</b> ? Is there a <b>date</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How current is the resource?</li> <li>• Is it important that the information be current?</li> <li>• Is there a date of the last update on a website?</li> </ul>
Who is the intended <b>audience</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the language simple or technical? Is it scholarly?</li> <li>• Use Google to find information about a publication.</li> </ul>
How <b>relevant</b> is the resource?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the resource about?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For a book, check the table of contents and the index</li> <li>○ For an article, read the abstract, summary, and conclusion.</li> <li>○ For a website, check the home page for clues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is the subject applicable to your research?</li> </ul>
How <b>objective</b> is the content?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the author's point of view?</li> <li>• Is the resource well-researched and detailed?</li> <li>• Or is it biased?</li> <li>• Is the information the author's opinion or supported by facts?</li> <li>• Are there advertisements or items for sale?</li> </ul>
Does the author document his or her <b>sources</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there references, citations or related sources of information?</li> <li>• Are there footnotes?</li> </ul>