

ACCORD: Information Evaluation

Criteria	Evaluating Sources Based on Information Need and Context	Yes	No	Not Sure
A genda: <i>Why was this information made available?</i>	1. <i>For websites, is advertising included?</i> 2. <i>Is the purpose of the information stated and clear?</i> 3. <i>Are there personal, political, religious, or cultural biases presented?</i>			
C redentials <i>Is/are the author/s of this source credible?</i>	1. <i>Are the authors' credentials and affiliations listed?</i> 2. <i>Is contact information provided for each author or organization?</i> 3. <i>For websites, what is the domain name in the URL? Is it a .com, .edu, .gov, .net, .mil, or .org?</i> 4. <i>Is it a personal website such as rachaelray.com</i> 5. <i>Does an organization appear to sponsor the information?</i>			
C itations <i>Does/do the author/s cite their sources?</i>	1. <i>Does the author cite works of others?</i> 2. <i>Are the sources listed in the bibliography or included links related to the focus of the research/purpose of the site?</i> 3. <i>For online sources, are links still current, or have they become dead ends?</i> Note: The quality of Web pages linked to an original Web page may vary; therefore, you should always evaluate each Web site independently.			
O versight <i>Has the information been reviewed or refereed?</i>	1. <i>Can you locate the publisher information of the journal, book, website, etc.</i> 2. <i>Is the journal in which you found an article or the book you located published or sponsored by a professional scholarly society, professional association, or college/university academic department or scholarly press?</i> Note: To verify, check the journal or publisher's website.			
R elevance <i>Does the source fit your information needs?</i>	1. <i>Does the information relate to or answer your research questions?</i> 2. <i>Is the information too technical or too basic for your purpose?</i> 3. <i>Is the information presented appropriate in terms of depth and breadth?</i>			
D ate <i>When was the information published/updated?</i>	1. <i>Have newer articles or books been published on your topic?</i> 2. <i>Are links or references to other sources up to date? Do the links work?</i> 3. <i>Is your topic in a subject that changes rapidly, or are older sources also appropriate?</i>			