



Evaluation checklist

Authority

- Who is the author and what are his/her credentials and /or experience?
- Has a systematic and rigorous process been carried out?
- Has the information been peer-reviewed or gone through an editing process?

Objectivity

- What is the purpose of the information?
- Has the work been commissioned on behalf of an organization? Why does it exist?
- Are the author's own assumptions apparent?

Timeliness

- Can you tell when the information was created or last updated?
- Does it matter for your piece of work?
- If it is a website, does it look like it is being maintained?

Supporting evidence

- Does the author provide evidence to support his ideas, views, conclusions?
- Is there data or statistics provided?
- Is the supporting evidence cited?

Relevance

- Is the information too basic or too advanced for your needs?
- Does the information relate to the area (country/group) you are researching?
- Who is the target audience? Is it for an academic audience or for public interest?