

## **Consider your source's credibility. Ask these questions:**

### **Contributor/Author**

- Has the author written several articles on the topic, and do they have the credentials to be an expert in their field?
- Can you contact them? Do they have social media profiles?
- Have other credible individuals referenced this source or author?
- Book: What have reviews said about it?

### **Publisher**

- What do you know about the publisher/sponsor? Are they well-respected?
- Do they take responsibility for the content? Are they selective about what they publish?
- Take a look at their other content. Do these other articles generally appear credible?

### **Bias**

- Does the author or the organization have a bias? Does bias make sense in relation to your argument?
- Is the purpose of the content to inform, entertain, or to spread an agenda? Is there commercial intent?
- Are there ads?

### **Currency**

- When was the source published or updated? Is there a date shown?
- Does the publication date make sense in relation to the information presented to your argument?
- Does the source even have a date?

### **Reproduced**

- Was it reproduced? If so, from where?
- If it was reproduced, was it done so with permission? Copyright/disclaimer included?

### **Citations**

- Is there a bibliography or are there citations/links to related credible sources?
- Conversely, are there credible sites or sources that refer/link to this content? In what context?

### **Relevance**

- Is the content relevant to your thesis statement?
- Is the tone (academic, casual, etc.) appropriate for your project?

**Accuracy**

- Is the data verifiable and accurate?
- Are there spelling or grammatical errors? If online, are any of the links dead?

**Complete**

- Is the source comprehensive?

**Credible**

- Based on previous criteria, decide whether the source is credible overall.