



Resource Evaluation Checklist

Title of the resource: _____

Type of resource: printed source video/TV/radio person/organization internet

Internet website address: _____



Validity Checklist: Is the resource truthful?

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| 1. Is the information current up to one year? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 2. Is the same information found in more than one resource? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 3. Is there enough information about the topic? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 4. Are the facts in the article cited or referenced? | Yes | No | N/A |



Reliability Checklist: Is the resource trustworthy and dependable?

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| 1. Is the purpose of the resource stated clearly? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 2. The resource does not appear to be an advertisement. | Yes | No | N/A |
| 3. Is the resource a .gov, .edu. or .org? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 4. Is the author's name listed? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 5. Is the author's background trustworthy and dependable? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 6. Is the resource sponsored by an institution or organization? | Yes | No | N/A |

Now, look at the answers you circled, count how many of the questions were answered yes. Look at the chart below to determine the validity and reliability of the resource.

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|--------|-------------|
| 9 - 10 | Excellent |
| 7 - 8 | Okay to use |
| 0 - 6 | Poor |



Reflection

What was the question you wanted answered: _____

Based on my resources, what was the most probable answer I came up with?

Which resource was the most valid and reliable? _____

What were the reasons why this was the most valid and reliable? (use your checklist)

Why did I think the source was **valid**?

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Why did I think the source was **reliable**?

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Was there a resource you chose not to use because it was not valid or reliable? Y or N

If you answered yes, then explain why you did not use it? _____

List three reasons why you feel it is important to use valid and reliable resources when looking for information, products, and services?
