

Assess all non-print and non-SHS/KCLS database sources.

Complete the rubric below, look at your rubric score for next steps.

Check one box per column			
<p>Authority</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is an author of the source (1). 2. I can find the academic/professional credentials of the author. 3. Author is highly qualified to write page/appears to be an expert on subject. 4. There is a reputable publisher, organization, or sponsor of the source (2). 5. There are NO advertisements on the page. <p style="text-align: right;">Criteria Weight: /25</p>	I answered YES to ALL statements.	I answered YES to ALL BUT ONE OR TWO statements.	I answered NO to more than two statements.
<p>Purpose/Point of View</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of source is educational (<i>rather than commercial/entertainment</i>) 2. Based on my knowledge, information presented is fact (<i>not opinion/propaganda</i>). 3. The source does NOT appear to be a personal or hobby page (<i>you've checked the author and URL isn't a blog, etc.</i>). 4. The information in this source does NOT appear to be secretly biased or limited to one point of view (3). 5. Overall, source is suitable as a resource for my level of academic research. <p style="text-align: right;">Criteria Weight: /25</p>	I answered YES to ALL statements.	I answered YES to ALL BUT ONE OR TWO statements.	I answered NO to more than two statements.
<p>Reliability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The page/site is well-organized and all links work. 2. Information presented is cited correctly (<i>a reference list/bibliography included</i>). 3. There is a published/last updated date. <p style="text-align: right;">Criteria Weight: /25</p>	I answered YES to ALL statements.	I answered YES to ALL BUT ONE OR TWO statements.	I answered NO to more than two statements.
<p>Relevance & Content</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The main subject matter of the source is related to my topic. 2. I can distinguish between fact and opinion in the source. 3. The author's/source's argument is similar to other arguments on subject (4). 4. This is a subject-specific, in-depth source (<i>not one used for beginning/general research: Dictionary.com, Wikipedia, etc.</i>). <p style="text-align: right;">Criteria Weight: /25</p>	I answered YES to ALL statements.	I answered YES to ALL BUT ONE OR TWO statements.	I answered NO to more than two statements.

1 Look for an "about author/about site" or search online

2 Look at the top or bottom of the page – look for publishers like universities, governments, academic publishers

3 Bias may be an aspect of your research; if so, answer this question 'yes'

4 Or there are reasons stated for the straying from the conventional understanding

RUBRIC SCORE: %

100% - 81% = Source is very likely valid, use the source

80% - 60% = Use the source and complete [a source evaluation](#)

59% - 0% = Do not use source for an academic paper