

Humboldt State University Library
Research Roadmap
Evaluating Worksheet

Your Name:

Class & Section:

Research Topic:

Determining Credibility

1. Who is the author of your source, and what are their credentials?

2. Who is the publisher and what do you know about them?

Determining Usefulness

3. When was the source published and how does this affect its usefulness for your purpose?

4. What type of audience is the author addressing, specialized or general? How does this impact your use of the source?

5. How extensively does the source cover the topic? Is the information appropriate for your project? Is it either too simple or too complex? Is it too broad or too specific?

6. Based on the information gathered in this worksheet, will you end up using the source you have evaluated? If so, why? If not, describe the sort of project for which your information source would be more appropriate.