



Questions to Ask Yourself

When judging information in encyclopedias

Is the topic covered in depth? _____

Are the author's credentials listed? _____

How long ago was the entry written? _____

When judging information in books

Does the book focus on my topic? _____

Is the author an expert on my topic? _____

How long ago was the book written? _____

When judging information from magazines

Was the article written to inform or to entertain? _____

Does the article contain facts that I can use in my report? _____

Are any other useful sources cited in the article? _____

When judging information from newspapers

Is the topic covered in depth? _____

Are sources cited for the facts presented in the article? _____

Did the newspaper publish any more stories about this topic? _____

When judging information on the World Wide Web

Was this website designed to inform or entertain? _____

What is the source of the information? _____

Is the source reliable? _____

Is the website updated regularly? _____