

# Evaluating Information with **ABCD** Name

Article Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**A**uthority

Who is the author or what is the name of the group who wrote this?  
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What is this person's degree or the group's qualifications? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think this is the best type of qualification for writing about this topic? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

**B**ias

Most sources have some bias.

What is the source's main purpose? (Circle one: to inform, to persuade, to entertain, to sell something)? Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Who might have a different opinion from this source? \_\_\_\_\_  
(It's ok to have different opinions. Scientists, politicians, and people from many professions have different opinions or may make hypotheses, and answers may differ.)

Describe the opinion or bias of this source? \_\_\_\_\_

**C**overage

Under what keyword(s) did you locate your topic? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are some synonyms, narrower, or broader terms you could use in future searches? \_\_\_\_\_

What dates are related to this topic? \_\_\_\_\_  
What people are related to this topic? \_\_\_\_\_  
What events are related to this topic? \_\_\_\_\_  
What places are related to this topic? \_\_\_\_\_

What information about the topic might have been left out of this source?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D**ate

What is the date of the information? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you think this date is recent enough for this topic? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

If the source is about a historical topic, is it a Primary source or a Secondary source? (Circle one). [A Primary source is a first-hand account, from the original time period of the event, such as a diary written by a person involved in the event. A Secondary source is written sometime after the event took place.]