

## Evaluating Information Sources

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Use the **RADAR** acronym to help you remember what to consider as you evaluate information sources for quality and usefulness in your work

<b>Rationale</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Why</b> was the information published?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To report research results, influence decisions, entertain, etc.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Authority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Who</b> is the author and <b>what</b> are their credentials?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Is the author associated with a reputable organization?</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>When</b> was the information published?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Is currency important for your topic?</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Accuracy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Was information reviewed by editors or subject experts?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Where</b> was the information published?</li><li>- <b>Where</b> did the author get their information from?</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Relevance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>How</b> is the information relevant to your work?</li></ul>

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