**W10 Application Activity Template: COPE Evaluation**

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**Overview**

It is important to evaluate information sources using the [COPE method](https://libguides.byui.edu/Pathwayresearch/evaluate).

* **C**ontent
* **O**bjective
* **P**urpose
* **E**ase

In this activity, you will find a full-text article or book and do a quick evaluation of it.

**Step 1**

Open [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/).

**Step 2**

Think of a topic that interests you. Enter a search term using a combination of two or more words related to your topic. You may alternately create your own search terms. Either way, use the [Boolean search parameters](https://libguides.byui.edu/Pathwayresearch/create) AND and OR to clarify your search. Click “Search.”

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

*What topic did you choose?*

Pornography

*What was your search term? Be sure to include the Boolean Operator (AND or OR) that you used.*

"Pornography" AND "Familes" AND "relationships"

**Step 3**

Locate and open a full-text article or book. Keep looking through the search results, or use a different set of search terms until you find an article or book that you can see in full-text. Review [this website](https://libguides.byui.edu/Pathwayresearch/find) if you need help finding a full-text article.

Quickly scan the article or book and apply the [COPE](https://libguides.byui.edu/Pathwayresearch/evaluate) method. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

*What is the name of the article you chose?*

Protection from

Pornography—a

Christ-Focused Home

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| **C** | What makes the content **C**redible?  The author's background and the website |
| **O** | Is the content **O**bjective (meaning is it unbiased, not persuasive)? Why or why not?  Yes, Has a thesis statement, it's very clear and persuasive |
| **P** | What would you say is the author’s **P**urpose or **P**oint?  Point |
| **E** | How **E**asy is it for you to navigate the article or book? Explain your answer.  It's very easy, the PDF has headlines, references, etc  How Easy is it to read and understand? Explain your answer.  since the article is Objective, it's becomes easy to read and understand, if you pay attention |

**Step 4**

**Save** this document with your name in the filename, and follow the instructions in your course to submit it for grading and feedback.