**OPVL Organizer:** Complete the following organizer to help assess the validity and credibility of each source used to examine your topics for this part of the activity.

Consider the origin, purpose, value to someone studying this topic, and limitations of the source. Remember to include details and examples to support your assessment.

| Source:  Please include a complete reference/citation using the format specified by your teacher. | | Himelfarb, Alex, and Roy Romanow. “We Can End Homelessness in Canada.” *The Globe and Mail*, 16 Jan. 2017. (MLA style) | |
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| * Special op-ed in *The Globe and Mail*, a Toronto based newspaper. * Authors are “*co-chairs of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.”* * Summary of public consultation on homelessness commissioned by the federal government. | * General public is the intended audience. * To alert the public to the main findings of the public commission into homelessness in Canada. | * Includes some detailed statistics of who and how many Canadians are homeless from experts. * Offers some brief descriptions of solutions. * Offers hope of ending homelessness. * Includes costs * Educates the public as to the extent of the problem. * Provides a link to the full report. | * Biased toward more government intervention. * Lacks detail about possible solutions. * Doesn’t offer a source for some of the data (particularly costs). * Lacks detail about all of the causes. |