

Craft of Research by Colomb, Williams, &
Booth[1]
Source Evaluation Rubric

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I write to Remember, Understand, & Test my Thinking

1 Source Evaluation

Relevance	
book	Keywords in the index First and last paragraph of the chapters that use a lot of the keywords Skim prologue, intro, conc last chapter first and last couple of pages Bib for relevant sources
article	Abstract Intro conc and last couple of para section headings and the first and last paragraph bib

Reliability	
Reputable source	
Peer reviewed	
Reputable scholar	
Is the source current	
Does it have a bib	
Does it have biographical data	
Is the source cited frequently by others	

2 Source Engagement

Actively Engage with a source	
What sparks my interest	
What am I critical of	Record my responses
Summarize	

Reading for a problem	
Creative agreement	Offers additional support Confirms unsupported claims Applies a claim more broadly
Disagreement	Contradictions Part-whole contradictions. How parts are related Developmental/Historical contradictions Cause-effect contradictions contradictions of perspective

Reading for Arguments	
Arguments to respond to	Alternative claims What is their evidence
Models of reasoning and analysis	

Reading for support	
Evidence	
Claims	

References

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