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**EDD 104: Source Evaluation Process**

**Overview:** In order to be a successful researcher, it is important that one is able to justify the validity of a source. This guide has been created to guide students through the evaluation process.

**Directions: Evaluate the student sample research** document. What is the student’s research score: high, medium, or low? What advice would you give this student before he submits the assignment for a grade?

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| Evaluation  Is the source reliable? | Reliability:  [ √] High [ ] Medium [ ] Low | Analyze the author, publisher, journal or website, and date of publication. Can you trust the source? Why? Describe the publisher. Is it a peer-reviewed journal? Is the website a government agency or other reputable source?  **Note** that the database and publisher are not the same thing.  Is this information still current, or has it been superseded by new research, data or developments? Only use current information. |
| Relevance:  [ √] High [ ] Medium [ ] Low | Is this a **primary source meaning** is the author the originator of information (did he/she/they do the actual research)? Did the author use any evidence with citations and references? Can you verify information through other sources? Does this relate to your research topic? How/why? |
| Authority:  [√ ] High [ ] Medium [ ] Low | Describe the author’s expertise and why, or why not, they are a reliable source. Who is the author, what are their credentials? How many years of experience do they have in a relevant field? What does the URL end with (.gov, .org, .edu, .com)? Does “~” appear anywhere in the URL? (“~” denotes a personal page, so even if it is a Ph.D. researching at a prestigious institution, a “~” explains that the institution is not overseeing the information on the page) |
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