



## RADAR Method • Evaluating Information

### Information Source: The Basics

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author/Authors: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication or URL: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Relevance

### Evaluation

- How is this resource relevant to your research assignment?
- What does it offer that makes it relevant?

### Authority

### Evaluation

- Who is the author/s? Is it a person, group, or organization?
- What credentials make them an authority on the topic?
- Does information about site or author authority factor in to your decision of information accuracy?
- Does the resource provide evidence or links to other research?

### Date

### Evaluation

- When was the information published?
- Are there more timely resources available?
- Does the publication date matter to your research?

### Appearance

### Evaluation

- Does the appearance provide clues to its relevance?
- Does it contain advertisements, pictures, or charts?
- Does the information contain citations or references?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the site, author, or source?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or typographical errors?

### Reason for Writing

### Evaluation

- Why did the author/site publish this information?
- What purpose does it serve?
- Is the item balanced or well-researched?
- Does it add to the existing body of knowledge on the topic?
- Was the item written as satire or propaganda?
- Is it biased? Are these limitations clearly identified?