My Research Project: Conduct a Source Evaluation

A source evaluation applies the evaluation criteria you’ve read about in this chapter to a single source. You should consider each criterion in light of your writing situation and then determine the suitability of the source for your research writing project. To carry out a source evaluation, respond to the following prompts.

1. Provide the complete citation for the source.
2. In what ways are the information, ideas, and arguments in the source relevant to your research writing project?
3. Is the line of argument in the source sound and well supported? In what ways can you use it in your project?
4. What have you learned about the author and publisher that would lead you to accept, question, or reject the line of argument presented in the source?
5. In what ways does the publication date of the source affect your judgment of its usefulness for your project?
6. In what ways does the comprehensiveness of the source affect your judgment of its usefulness for your project?
7. In what ways does the genre of the source affect your judgment of its usefulness for your project?
8. In what ways could this source help you achieve your purpose and address the needs and interests of your readers?
9. How are you likely to use this source in your project?