**Evaluating Sources Checklist**

**AUTHORITY**

**1.** Are the author's qualifications, such as education, occupation or position listed?

Yes No Don't Know

**2.** Does the publication include a reference list or bibliography showing that the author has researched the topic?

Yes No Don't Know

**3.** Do you know if the publisher is reputable?

Yes No Don't Know

**4.** If the author is a group, educational institution or government body, is it known to be knowledgeable about the subject?

Yes No Don't Know

**CONTENT**

**1.** Is the subject matter covered relevant to your topic?

Yes No Don't Know

**2.** If the coverage is limited, does it still help to meet your needs?

Yes No Don't Know

**3.** Do you feel that you will be able to distinguish between fact and opinion?

Yes No Don’t Know

**DATE**

**1.** Based on the date of publication, will the facts or opinions given in this publication be outdated for your purposes?

Yes No Don't Know

**2.** Will other sources, such as newspaper articles or Internet information be needed to obtain more recent data?

Yes No Don't Know

**3.** If this is a web resource, can you tell when it was published and last revised?

Yes No Don't Know

**INTENDED AUDIENCE**

**1.** Is this a scholarly publication, intended for an academic audience, or one knowledgeable about the subject area?

Yes No Don't Know

**2.** Is this resource of a more popular nature, written for people with no special expertise about the subject?

Yes No Don't Know

**PURPOSE**

**1.** Is the major purpose of this publication to inform?

Yes No Don't Know

**2.** Would you say that the coverage is biased, or limited to one point of view?

Yes No Don't Know

**3.** Is the purpose to persuade? Does this bias the content?

Yes No Don't Know

**CONCLUSIONS**

**1.** Based on the information you have collected above, do you have any reservations about using this resource?

Yes No

**2.** Overall, this publication is suitable for use as a resource for my purposes.

Yes No