

CARS Method for Evaluating Sources

C	Credibility	- Is the author someone who would have knowledge of the subject? - What are the author's credentials (teacher, professor, scientist, etc)? - Should you believe what the author or organization has to say?	Did you answer yes to these questions? USE IT!
A	Accuracy	- Is the information included up to date? - Does the information on the site match information on other known, accurate sites? - Does the information answer the question you need answered?	Did you answer yes to these questions? USE IT!
R	Reasonableness	- Does the author have bias on the subject (is only one side talked about in an overly positive manner)? - Does the website give information about only one side of an argument? - Does the author seem unreasonable in his/her assumptions? - Does the author seem to exaggerate?	Did you answer yes to these questions? Consider finding another source!
S	Support	- Does the website or author include any sources or citations to support his/her theory? - Do the sources the author provides meet the CARS Evaluation list?	Did you answer yes to these questions? USE IT!

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