Evaluating Sources

WHO

- Who is responsible for the information?
  - Look for evidence that you can trust the author or sponsoring organization.

WHERE

- Where is the information coming from?
  - Did the author give credit to his/her sources in some way?
  - What do you know about the publication (book, magazine, newspaper, journal, website sponsoring organization, etc.)?

WHEN

- When was the information published or last updated?
  - Is it current enough for your topic?
  - Have recent events affected how people might view this information?

WHAT

- What is the purpose of the publication?
  - Is the primary purpose to educate, entertain, sell, convince, etc.?
  - Is the information similar to other sources you have found?

WHY

- Why is this information useful for me?
  - How does this information contribute to the purpose of my research?
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