

AUTHORITY IS CONSTRUCTED AND CONTEXTUAL

INFORMATION SOURCES HAVE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF AUTHORITY, BASED IN THE CREDIBILITY OR EXPERTISE OF THE INFORMATION CREATOR. CONTEXT CAN DETERMINE WHAT IS CONSIDERED AN AUTHORITATIVE OR APPROPRIATE SOURCE.

Knowledge Practices

Define different types of authority, such as subject expertise, societal position, or special experience



Understand the elements that might impact or temper the credibility of sources

Recognize that many disciplines have acknowledged authorities

Acknowledge they are developing their own authoritative voices

Dispositions

Motivate themselves to find authoritative sources



Recognize that authority may be manifested in unexpected ways

Question traditional notions of granting authority

Demonstrate self-awareness of their own biases and worldview