

Criteria	3 - Exemplary	2 - Proficient	1 - Developing	0 - Beginning/ None
Authority	The article is written by an expert (or experts) in the field, and is in a key journal for the field.	The article is written by researchers in the field, as demonstrated by experience or advanced degree.	The article is written by someone who has knowledge of, works, or studies in the field, but is not an expert.	The source is not authored by an expert, or someone affiliated with the field, (ex. journalist, staff writer)
Appropriateness/Accuracy	Student choice demonstrates clear understanding of the assignment, the scope of the research fits the topic and the study contains data, methods, results evidence, etc.	Student choice demonstrates understanding of the assignment, and scope of the research is related to the assignment/topic. Study contains some data, or results.	Student choice demonstrates understanding of the assignment, and scope of the research is related to the assignment/topic. Study contains little evidence, results or data.	Source does not relate to the topic, includes few references, no data, charts or evidence.
Currency	The article contains new research, appropriate length of time for the study conducted and/or published in an appropriate timeframe.	The research is current, study was conducted in a timeframe appropriate to the assignment.	The research is older, or somewhat dated based on assignment parameters, but still usable.	Article is too old based on parameters of the assignment. Research is outdated.
Audience	The article is appropriate for a college paper/project and demonstrates a level of scholarship understood by undergraduates.	The article is not appropriate for undergraduates and/or contains information that is too advanced, or technical.	The article is not written for an academic or professional audience.	The article is written for the general public and/or does not fit the assignment.
Empirical Research Article	A quantitative or qualitative study, including literature review, methods, findings, etc.	Source is a study/ empirical research. The scope of the research satisfies the assignment, but could be more focused on the topic.	The source is peer-reviewed, academic, or a report. Source may reference other studies, but is not empirical research.	The source is not an empirical study, research article, peer-reviewed material, or academic research.

Overall Application of Evaluation Criteria: Exemplary [15-11] ____ Proficiency [10-6] ____ Developing [5-1] ____ Beginning/None ____