EVALUATING SOURCES

ORIGIN
Where does this source come from?
When was the information published or posted?
Who is the author, publisher, source, or sponsor?
Are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations given? What are they?

PURPOSE
What was the purpose of the information?
What perspective is the author trying to convey?
Is the purpose clear?
Is the information fact, opinion, or propaganda?
Does the point of view appear objective or impartial?

VALUE
How useful is this source?
How can it be applied to my project?
Has the information been reviewed or referred?
Can you verify the information in another source?

LIMITATION
How reliable is this source?
Is it objective or subjective?
Are there political, institutional, religious, cultural, ideological, or personal biases?