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Resource Reliability

Resource Type	Reasons Why it is Reliable	Reasons Why it is Unreliable	Example Explanation
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● date is current ● little to no advertisements ● organization is recognizable ● domain name of .edu, .org, or .gov ● looks professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OLD ● no author ● looks unprofessional ● domain name of .com or .net ● allows users to add content to the website 	<p>This website is reliable because the organization is recognizable by many people.</p> <p>This website is unreliable because it has no author</p>
Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● information evaluated by experts ● information updated to maintain its currency 		<p>This databases is reliable because it has been evaluated by experts.</p>
Newspaper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● journalists write the articles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ job to give unbiased/factual information ● known for giving unbiased information - give the facts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● editorials are someones opinion ● newspaper is not recognized for reputable information 	<p>This newspaper article is reliable because it was written by a journalist whose job it is to provide unbiased factual information.</p> <p>This newspaper article is unreliable because it is an editorial.</p>
Author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● works in the field/area being researched ● has first hand experience with the topic being researched ● has an higher education in the area/field researched 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● no credentials can be found ● has no experience ● has no education ● does not work in the field/area of topic being researched ● no author can be located (person) 	<p>This resource is reliable because the author "John Smith" works for the University of Iowa in the area of Iowa History.</p> <p>This resource is unreliable because the author does not say how he or she is an expert in the information provided.</p>

<p>Encyclopedia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● information must be evaluated prior to printing ● experts write the articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Age of encyclopedia 	<p>This encyclopedia is reliable because the information was written by and expert.</p> <p>This encyclopedia is unreliable because the edition is outdated.</p>
<p>Nonfiction Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● information must be evaluated prior to printing ● authors do extensive fact checking/research to write the book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Age of the book ● information may be biased based on the topic 	<p>This book is reliable because it was evaluated by experts before publishing.</p> <p>This book is unreliable because the author gives his or her opinion throughout the book.</p>
<p>Organization / Company</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● recognizable by many ● trusted to provide the facts ● purpose is not to ONLY make money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● purpose is to ONLY make money ● inappropriate content ● unrecognizable company 	<p>This resource is reliable because it was sponsored by a recognizable organization, PBS, which can be trusted for the facts.</p> <p>This resource is unreliable because it was sponsored by a company who is more focused on getting users to buy their product.</p>