

What Makes a Source Credible?

Different sources can support your academic work. The key is choosing sources that are trustworthy, relevant and appropriate for your assignment.



Here are 6 quick checks to help you decide:



1. Author

Who wrote it?

Look for expertise, qualifications or institutional links.



2. Publisher

Where is it from?

Trusted journals, publishers and organisations are a good sign.



3. Date

Is it current?

Check when it was published or last updated.



4. Evidence

Is it supported?

Strong sources use data, references or clear evidence.



5. Purpose

Why was it made?

Is it meant to inform, teach, persuade or sell?



6. Relevance

Does it fit your topic?

A good source should match your question and assignment.



THINK CRITICALLY

- ✓ Who is it from?
- ✓ What is the purpose?
- ✓ Is it up to date?
- ✓ Is it relevant to my topic?



TOP TIP

The best assignments use a range of high-quality sources to build a strong, balanced argument.



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