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Evaluating Sources

Check for Bias

- Does the author have political or religious views that would affect objectivity?
- Are alternate views presented and addressed fairly?

Assess the Argument

- What is the thesis?
- What are the supports?
- Does the author use questionable assumptions or logical fallacies?
- Are the statistics presented accurately?

Evaluating Web Sources

- Is there an author? Is the author reliable or informed? What are the author's credentials?
- Who sponsors the site? What does the URL ending tell you?
- Is the grammar and punctuation good? Poor proofreading is a bad sign.
- Who is the intended audience for this site?