

Evaluating Sources for the Casebook

Title of Source: _____

Author(s): _____

Type of Source: _____ Date of Pub. _____

Informative? Yes No

Imagine you are someone who knows very little about your topic. What will you learn by reading this particular article? (Provide a broad, one-paragraph summary of the text.)

Credible? Yes No

Explain whether or not you're confident of the source's credibility.

Current? **Yes** **No**

Do you think the text is recent enough to be of use? Do you have any reservations about its currency?

Persuasive? **Yes** **No**

Analyze the text's use of argumentative technique as a means of persuasion. What is the claim? What is the line of reasoning in support of the claim? What evidence is presented to validate the reasoning and support the claim? Are opposing views taken into consideration? Are opposing views effectively refuted?

Explain why you believe this is or is not a good source for your casebook.