

## *∞ Evaluating Resources ∞*

Below is a checklist of things you can do to determine whether a print or online resource is a reputable source of information.

### **Author:**

- ✓ Can you identify the author?
- ✓ Does the item or website include biographical or contact information?
- ✓ What is the author's educational background?
- ✓ Is the author associated with a reputable university or organization?
- ✓ Have you seen this author's work cited by others?
- ✓ Has the author's work appeared in scholarly publications?
- ✓ Has the author published multiple articles or books on the topic?

### **Content:**

- ✓ Is the information accurate?
- ✓ Is it current enough for your purposes?
- ✓ Is the content well-documented?
- ✓ Has the information been peer-reviewed?

### **Bias:**

- ✓ Can you identify the author's purpose in creating this document?
- ✓ Is the tone of the writing objective?
- ✓ If the author has a bias, is it clearly expressed?
- ✓ Who is the publisher?
- ✓ If a Web site, what type of organization created the site (commercial, educational, etc.)?

### **Presentation:**

- ✓ Is the material well-organized?
- ✓ Is it presented in a professional manner?
- ✓ If a Web site, is contact information available?