

Standard 4 Research

Grade	Length	Style	Sources	
			Number	Type
<i>K</i>	Oral	Oral	1	Book
<i>1</i>	Oral	Oral	1	Book
<i>2</i>	1 Paragraph	Written	1	Book or Electronic
<i>3</i>	2 Paragraphs	Written	1-2	Book or Electronic
<i>4</i>	3 – 4 Paragraphs	MLA	1-2	Book or Electronic
<i>5</i>	5 Element Paper	MLA	1-2	Book or Electronic
<i>6</i>	1 – 2 Typewritten Pages	MLA	2	1 Book, 1 Electronic
<i>7</i>	3 Typewritten Pages	MLA	3 – 5	Book, Electronic
<i>8</i>	4 Typewritten Pages	MLA	3 - 5	Book, Electronic
<i>9</i>	4 -7 Typewritten Pages	MLA	4 - 7	Book, Electronic
<i>10</i>	4 - 7 Typewritten Pages	MLA	4 – 7	Book, Electronic
<i>11</i>	4 - 7 Typewritten Pages	MLA	4 – 7	Book, Electronic
<i>12</i>	4 -7 Typewritten Pages	MLA	4 - 7	Book, Electronic
<i>Adv. Eng</i>	10 Typewritten Pages	MLA	10	Book, Electronic

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PREWRITING: PLANNING AND RESEARCHING

Evaluating Online Sources

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Directions *Choose one online source that relates to your research topic and answer the questions below in order to determine the source's usefulness and accuracy. As you continue your research, you can use the same questions to evaluate other online sources as well.*

1. How useful is the site?

How much information does the site offer?

How is the site organized? What parts of the site is your eye drawn to first?

Does the site contain functioning links to other sites? If so, to what kinds of sites does it link? Which of these links might help you with your research?

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2. How accurate is the site?

Who or what is responsible for this site? Is it a business? An individual? A publication? A university? Or is the source of the site unclear?

All Web sites have a purpose. Some sites want to inform, some to convince people that one point of view is better than another, some to sell a product or service. What, do you think, is the purpose of this site? What makes you think so?

When was the site created or last updated? Is the information up-to-date or out-of-date?

What do you think is the overall accuracy of this site? Would you use this site in your research paper? Why or why not?

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