

The **ABCD** Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources.

Answer the questions and then rank each of the 4 parts from 1 to 10

(1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent).

Add up the scores to give you an idea of the quality of the resource.

Authority:..... 

- Does the **author** have **credentials and/or** valid **experience** related to the topic?
- Are the author's **organizational affiliations** given? If yes, are they appropriate?
- (Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?)
- What are the author's qualifications to write about the topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?

Bias/Balance:..... 

- Do they have a political, religious, ideological, cultural, or institutional agenda?
- Do they mention sponsorships or funding?

Currency:..... 

- When was the information published or posted? Has it been revised or updated?
- Is the information (or links) current or out of date for your topic?

Documentation:..... 

- Is the evidence cited or referenced in some way?
- Is there a list of sources?
- Are the sources listed current? Are they credible?

Total **ABCD**..... 

35 - 40 **Excellent** | 30 - 35 **Good** | 25 - 29 **Average** | 20 - 24 **Borderline Acceptable** | Below 20 **Unacceptable**

