

TRAC Sheet for All Sources: What type of source is this?

BOOK

Great choice! This source is automatically **TRUSTWORTHY** because authors and publishers are taking responsibility!

Let's answer a few more questions to make sure you're on the right trac(k).

Title: _____

Author/Editor: _____

Publisher: _____

What about your topic, how can you tell if the book is **RELEVANT**?

Is your topic in the:

- ☐ Index
- ☐ Table of Contents

If your topic isn't in either of those, how do you the book is relevant?

And what about the reading level? Is it **ACCESSIBLE**?

Can you read the info? YES NO

Can you understand it? YES NO

Now, the tricky part of books – is it **CURRENT**?

When was it published? _____

What do you think, is that date current?

YES NO

Does it have to be current to use for this topic?

YES NO

DOES THIS SOURCE PASS TRAC? YES NO

DATABASE ARTICLE

Great choice! This source is automatically **TRUSTWORTHY** because there is a publisher taking responsibility!

Let's answer a few more questions to make sure you're on the right trac(k).

What's the title of the database you're using?

What's the title of the article you're looking at?

In what source was the article originally published?

How do you the article is **RELEVANT**?

And what about the reading level? Is it **ACCESSIBLE**?

Can you read the info? YES NO

Can you understand it? YES NO

Now, **CURRENT**

When was it published or last updated? _____

What do you think, is that date current? YES NO

Does it have to be current to use for this topic?

YES NO

DOES THIS SOURCE PASS TRAC? YES NO

WEBSITE

Ah, you chose the tricky one. Good for you for wanting a challenge! First, the most important part of a website. How to tell it's **TRUSTWORTHY**...

Website Name: _____

Who's taking responsibility for the information on this website (this might a specific person or an organization)

Why do you trust this person or organization?

Is there a bibliography (remember, sources that tell you where they got their information are more likely to be trustworthy) YES NO

How do you know the article is **RELEVANT**?

And what about the reading level? Is it **ACCESSIBLE**?

Can you read the info? YES NO

Can you understand it? YES NO

This might be tricky – is it **CURRENT**?

Can you find a publication date? YES NO

If so, when was it published? _____

What do you think, is that date current? YES NO

Does it have to be current to use for this topic? YES NO

DOES THIS SOURCE PASS TRAC? YES NO