CARS Evaluating Sources Checklist

Your Name: _____

Source Citation: _____

	Requirements	Yes or No
Credibility **A source that is created by a person or group who knows the subject and who cares about how it is presented.**	- Is the author someone who would have knowledge of the subject? - What are the author's credentials (teacher, professor, scientist, etc)? - Should you believe what the author or organization has to say? - Are there spelling or grammar errors, dead links, or other problems that indicate a lack of quality control?	
Accuracy **A source with information that is current, complete, and correct.**	- Is the information included up to date? - Does the information on the site match information on other known, accurate sites? - Does the information answer the question you need answered?	
Reasonableness **A source that is truthful and unbiased.**	- Does the author have bias on the subject (is only one side talked about in an overly positive manner)? - Does the website give information about only one side of an argument? - Does the author seem unreasonable in his/her assumptions? - Does the author seem to exaggerate?	
Support **A source with verifiable sources of information.**	- Does the website or author include any sources or citations to support his/her theory? - Do the sources the author provides meet the CARS Evaluation list?	

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