Checking for the Credibility, Accuracy, Reasonableness, and Support of a Source

Credibility	Created by knowledgeable source
Look at the URL What type of domain is it: *circle answer* .edu .com .gov .org **Check the Author** Is the author or organization listed? If so, list: Is the author (organization) an authority on the subject? Explain: 	
Accuracy	Info. is current, complete, and correct.
Read through the site: Does the site seem to provide accurate information? Yes/No What is the site's copyright or last update? _____ Is this recent enough or could the information be outdated? Explain: Are there spelling errors, grammar errors, dead links, or other problems that indicate lack of maintenance or poor quality? 	

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Reasonableness	Source is truthful and unbiased

Analyze the motivation of the site

Does the author, host, publisher, or sponsor have bias? If yes, explain:

The purpose of the page is: *circle answer*

Inform/Facts/Data   Educate   Explain   Persuade

Sell   Entice   Share/Disclose

Other: _____

Support	Site has sources documented, facts/statistics, quotes

Indicators of quality

Are the sources listed? Yes/No   Are they well documented? Yes/No

Are there links to other sites? Yes/No   Do they work? Yes/No

Is there a way to contact the author or organization?
(list email or address)