

Research Paper

EVALUATING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals vary greatly in quality. You need to assess the publication itself, the author of the article, and the article's content.

Directions: On the first line, write the title of a periodical that you have already selected for your research. Then answer the following questions about your source.

Title _____

1. Is the publication well-known and well-respected? How do you know?

2. Who is the author of the article, and what are his or her qualifications?

3. When was the periodical published? _____
4. Did the article originally appear in another source? If so, what is the source, and is it reliable? _____

5. If the article was picked up from another source, what is the original copyright date of the article, and where did it first appear? _____

6. Is the article current enough to meet your research needs? Why or why not?

7. Can you verify the facts in the article? What sources will you use to confirm the information?

8. Based on your answers to questions 1–7, do you think your article is reliable? Why or why not?

