Social Studies

Research Information

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Credible—Can you trust this source?	
+0 up to 3 points: What is your "gut feeling" about the believability of this source.	
+3—Is the creator's name listed?	
+5—Is the creator's background, education, training, and/or experience listed?	
+3—The organization that published the source is listed.	
+2—non-profit or government organization +1—private company or individual publisher	
Accurate—Is the source providing true information to the best of your knowledge?	
+2 if you do not find anything in the source that goes against something you know for sure	
How old is the source? +5 no more than 3 years old +2—3 - 8 years old +1 if it's older than 8 years old +0 if you cannot tell when it was created.	
+3 if the purpose of the source is just to tell you information +2 if the purpose is *also* to convince you of something +0 if the source is very one-sided	
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+5—The source tells where the creator got his/her information	
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Score: