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How to determine that I'm working with credible source?

Currency : The timeliness of the source
when was the information published or posted?
has the information been revised or updated?
Are the links functional?

Relevance : How the source fits your needs
Does the information relate to your topic or answer your assignment question?
Does the information help to understand your topic better?
Who is the intended audience?
Is the information at an appropriate level?
Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this is the one you'll use?

Authority : The origin of the source
who is the author / publisher / sponsor?
what are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?
Is the author qualified to write on the topic?
Is there contact information
Does the URL reveal anything about the author's source?

.edu (educational)
.gov (U.S. government)
.com (commercial)
.org (nonprofit organisation)

Accuracy : The reliability and correctness of the source
Where does the source come from?
Is the information that's provided supported by evidence?
Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
Can you verify any of the information in other sources?
Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?
Are there spelling, grammar or typographical errors?

Purpose : The reason the source exists
what is the purpose of this source?
Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda?
Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious or other biases?

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