Evaluating Sources V – Reliability and Credibility

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle your answer to each of the following questions.

+	Does the information come from someone with a good reputation?	**Yes** **No** **Not Sure**
+	Does the person have some background in the topic (special training, education or experience)?	**Yes** **No** **Not Sure**
+	Is the information well-presented (e.g., no mistakes in spelling or grammar)?	**Yes** **No** **Not Sure**
-	Does the source include statements or promises that seem unbelievable or extreme without providing proof?	**Yes** **No** **Not Sure**
-	Does the person have strong opinions that might affect the way he or she presents the information? Does he or she want you to think a certain way, regardless of other facts?	**Yes** **No** **Not Sure**

If you answered **Yes** to the positive questions (**+**) and **No** to the negative questions (**-**), your source is probably reliable.

If you answered **No** to the positive questions (**+**) and **Yes** to the negative questions (**-**), your source may not be reliable and you should look for a different one.

If you answered **Not Sure** to any of the questions, you should probably find out more about your source before you continue.

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