# Evaluation Tip Sheet

## Relevance
*What is this source about?*
- Evaluate the title, abstract, subject headings, table of contents, keywords and other descriptors in order to determine relevance to your research question.

## Authority
*Who created this?*
- Locate and verify author credentials and institution affiliation(s).
- Look for affiliated institutions, parent organizations, and funding sources.

## Purpose
*Why was this written and how does that affect the information?*
- Identify source intention (to inform, persuade, entertain, instruct, sell, etc.) Why something was written helps to identify potential biases.
- Examine evidence of author bias, such as omitting important and relevant information.
- Analyze if source is written for scholars, the public, professionals, or students?

## Currency
*When was this source created?*
- Identify the date of the publication (this may affect the timeliness of the content).
- Identify when the research was conducted.