LITERATURE REVIEW

# Select a MINIMUM of THREE articles about your topic, list the relevant facts from each one and state the articles credibility by using the source evaluation cheat sheet.

Use the following template:

INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH (Refer to notes from our discussion in class as to what makes a good introductory paragraph.)

According to *(author + source) (date )* the main idea about this subject is . . .

*(List facts from the source that support this idea here)* (You can add more facts as you find them)

## In conclusion *(author)* says . . . about the topic.

*(source)* is reliable because . . .

Another idea, by *(author + source) (date )* is . . . *List facts from the source that support this idea* (You can add more facts as you find them)

In conclusion *(author)* says . . .

*(source)* is reliable because . . .

Yet another idea, from *(author) (date)* is that . . .

*List facts from the source that support this idea (You can add more facts as you find them)*

## This author concludes that . . .

*(source)* is reliable because . . .

Examples of sources that are often the most credible:

* Official government websites
* Institutional sites that represent universities, regulatory agencies, governing bodies, and respected organizations with specific expertise (e.g., the Mayo Clinic)
* Peer-reviewed journals
* Reputable news sources

Examples of sources that are often considered less credible:

* Blogs
* Web forums
* Individual or business websites
* Materials published by an entity that may have an ulterior motive

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| *Factors to consider* | *Least reliable* | *Possibly reliable* | *Most reliable* |
| Type of source | Unfamiliar website | Published material | Official websites, institutional sites, academic journals |
| Author’s background | Uncredited | Educated on topic | Expert in the field |
| Date published | None | Outdated | Recently revised |
| Depth of review | Controversial reviews | Good public response; general approval | Peer-reviewed by reliable sources |
| Sources cited | None | Credible sources | Citations referencing other well-cited works |
| Objectivity | Clearly biased | Sponsored source | Balanced, neutral |