Research Planner: The Front Page

A lot of our research these days comes from the internet - and why not, it's a fantastic resource! However, we do need to make sure that we are using credible and reliable sources. Remember, anyone can post anything to the internet.

Credibility

The majority of credible resources end with ".gov" or ".edu"; however, there are a few basic ways to verify the credibility of ".com", "ca." or ".org" sites. **Ask yourself:**

- Can you verify the expertise or credibility of the author or the source?
- Does the information match the information located in a book such as an encyclopedia or a literature books?
- Is the information fair and balanced?
- Is the information objective or slanted/ biased?
- Is the information reasonable?

Recommended Sources	Not Recommended Sources
- Online or printed newspaper or magazine - Trusted blog (author is a journalist, doctor, professor **with good credentials)** - Book or encyclopedia - government or educational site (National Geography, Canadian Encyclopedia)	- Facebook - Twitter - Wikipedia - Personal blog

Remember, even the sources above that are recommended may be biased or subjective. Use your own critical thinking and <u>multiple sources</u> to confirm your research. As an author, you are publishing this information - you need to make sure that what you are putting your name on is accurate and responsible.

For this report, you should have at lease <u>3</u> sources. One must be offline (book, encyclopedia, newspaper, magazine, etc.). Happy researching!

Name: _____

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