Evaluating Information Sources

Use the RADAR acronym to help you remember what to consider as you evaluate information sources for quality and usefulness in your work

**Rationale**
- Why was the information published?
  - To report research results, influence decisions, entertain, etc.

**Authority**
- Who is the author and what are their credentials?
  - Is the author associated with a reputable organization?

**Date**
- When was the information published?
  - Is currency important for your topic?

**Accuracy**
- Was information reviewed by editors or subject experts?
  - Where was the information published?
  - Where did the author get their information from?

**Relevance**
- How is the information relevant to your work?


More to consider: https://guides.library.utoronto.ca/ld.php?content_id=25530738