**Library Exercise Sheet**

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| **Your name:** | **Partner’s name:** |
| **1** | **Choose your topic.** |
|  | # of sources: Kind of sources:Length: Other requirements: |
| **2** | **Create a search strategy.** |
| Who? (People, Organizations, Kinds of People) | Where? | When? |
| How? | **Topic Keywords:** | Why? |
| What? |  |  |
| **3a** | **Find resources. (You search)** |
| **Books**LIBROSOther catalogs… | **Articles**Academic Search Complete, ProQuest, etc.Issues & Controversies, Points of View, etc.Other library database:… |
| Highlight/Bold type of resources and finding tool. Write keywords you used. Write brief citation of source.**Search words:****Citation:** |
| **3b** | **Describe your information need to your partner.** |
| **3c** | **Find resources. (Partner search)** |
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| **4**  | **Debrief with class** |
| **5** | **Find resources. (You search)** |
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| **6** | **Evaluate your resource (TRAP).** |  |
| **NO, it’s not current**Topic has change A LOT since source was published. | **Is the information TIMELY?** Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it’s current**Topic HASN’T CHANGED MUCH since source was published. |
| **NO, it’s not relevant**The abstract, argument, and/or conclusion have very little to do with my topic. | **Is the information RELEVANT to my work?** Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it’s relevant**The abstract, argument, and/or conclusion strongly support, oppose, or inform a main point in my topic. |
| **NO, it’s not** The author is not an expert and has little knowlege of the subject and the information is factually inaccurate. | **Is the information AUTHORITATIVE and ACCURATE to my work?** Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it is.**The author is a respected expert/authority in the field of research and the facts are accurate. |
| **NO, it doesn’t** The authors’ purpose is unclear and information presented seems random. | **Does source have a clear PURPOSE supported by information in it?** Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it does.**The author’s purpose seems clear and the information present supports that purpose**.** |
| **Didn’t learn anything**Information just repeats things I know. | **How much does this source help me LEARN?** Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **Learned something new**Information changes the way I look at my topic or brings up new questions to research. |
| **NO, it doesn’t**My experiences don’t affect my thinking on the topic or the source. | **Does your life EXPERIENCE affect how you look at this source?** Strong no maybe no maybe yes strong yes | **YES, it does.**My experiences are reflected in how I think about my topic and how I feel about this source. |
| **What EVIDENCE does the source provide that you could use?****Experts Facts Statistics Narrative/Story Examples Other?** |
| **How will you USE the information in this source?****Background Support evidence Counter argument Example Will not use this source** |

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| **7**  | **Choose your favorite source from the 3 you have found.****Copy and paste citation below.** **Share with partner why you choose that source.****Share the criteria you used with the class.** |
| **8** | **Find-a-book** |
|  | **Book number:****Author:****Title:****Call number:**  |