**Trap Evaluation Expanded**

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| **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** | | |