

### Evaluating Research Resources

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<b>Score Totals</b>	Highly questionable source <b>0 - 4 pts.</b>	Useful for ideas or casual projects. Do not cite as a reference for a research paper or project. <b>5 - 7 pts.</b>	Good source for paper or academic project. Confirm with other sources <b>8 - 11 pts.</b>	Excellent source for research <b>12 to 15 pts.</b>

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