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## Sources for Scientific Research

### *Where to look?*

<b>Where?</b>	<b>Things to remember:</b>	<b>My attempt:</b>
<i>The library</i>		
<i>Search Engine</i>		
<i>Databases</i>		



## Evaluating Sources

### 1. Who published it?

- Colleges, research groups, government agencies, scholarly journals, WELL ESTABLISHED newspapers, magazines, reports etc.
- NOT personal websites, blogs, forums, public editing sites (Wikipedia)
- Look for **.gov .edu** or **.org** sites—these are MUCH preferred to **.com**

### 2. Who wrote it?

- Look up the author. Are they an expert in this field? Why should you listen to them?

### 3. Who was it written for? (Consider the audience!)

- Is this just to teach the public a general overview? (Like Wikipedia) or is written to give enough facts to make you an expert?

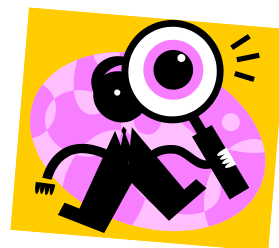
### 4. When was it written? Is it out of date?

- Look for the most current information you can!

▶ If the source meets **ALL** of the criteria, then it's probably a great source.

▶ If it meets most (4-5) of the criteria, it may still be good, but you should probably take a closer look.

▶ If it meets 3 or less of the criteria, you should probably find a different source.



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