**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** |