Source Types Homework Guide

Use this guide to take notes while you view “Module 4: How do I evaluate sources?” This assignment is worth 5 points out of a total 100 points for the Information Literacy Unit.

1. Primary and Secondary Sources

Define a primary source:

List two examples

1. 
2. 

A secondary source is an interpretation, analysis, commentary, or basically anything about a primary source.

List one example of a secondary source

1. 

Distinguish between primary and secondary sources.

___________ sources provide raw material to analyze

___________ sources support your argument

A source can function as either a primary or secondary source. What does the distinction depend on?

2. Peer Review

For scholarly journals, what does the process of peer review involve?

1. 
2. 
3. 

3. Scholarly Journals

What are the two principal purposes of scholarly journals?

1. 

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2. Are all scholarly journals considered equally authoritative? Yes No

**4. Non-scholarly periodicals**

What are two examples of non-scholarly periodicals?

1. 

2. 

What can a non-scholarly periodical provide that a scholarly journal cannot?

Are they considered as authoritative as scholarly journals? Yes No

**5. Websites**

What do almost all websites provide (circle one)?

authoritative information primary sources secondary sources

Circle the examples of Top Level Domains that are restricted:

.edu .com .gov .org

What is one question to consider when evaluating the authoritativeness of a website?

**6. Books and Other Sources**

List two differences between scholarly books and scholarly journal articles.

1. 

2. 

Non-scholarly books are most useful as what type of source (circle one)?

Primary source Secondary source

List one example of a government publication.

1. 

Can social media sites (such as Facebook) provide authoritative information to be used as a secondary source? Yes No