EVALUATING SOURCES

**Note to the instructor, find an article published in the last year.**

Directions: Use the article and the internet to answer the questions to determine if the article is a reliable source.

1. Who wrote the article? Is the author an authority or expert on the topic he/she/they is writing about? Is the author connected with a well-known source? How does this person establish ethos (credibility)?
2. Who is this article written for? Specific audience? General public? How do you know? What is the author’s purpose: to persuade, inform, entertain, etc.?
3. What kind of research did the author do to write this article? Look for references to other entities. Does the author refer to a specific person or persons? Identify these sources. Are the sources cited? Are links provided? Double-check the author’s sources. Are those sources reliable? How do you know?
4. How objective (fair or biased) is your author? Include specific textual evidence to convey the author’s bias.
5. Date of the publication? Publication information. Is the publication well-known? Explain why this publication should or should not be trusted.
6. What is your overall impression or evaluation of the article? Is this a reliable source? Is the information credible? Explain your answers.
7. Explain why and how you would or would not use this article.