

# SMART™ Lesson

## Literature: Researching Literature - Analyzing Research Sources

### Introduction

It is important to analyze research sources when researching literature as it allows for a better understanding of the chosen topic. This process involves critically examining the sources for their accuracy, relevance, reliability, and appropriateness for the chosen topic.

### Accuracy

Accuracy refers to the correctness of the source's content. When analyzing sources, it is important to check if the claims are supported by evidence and if the data presented is factual. Additionally, it is essential to make sure that the source is not presenting misinformation or propaganda.

### Relevance

Relevance refers to the connection between the source content and the chosen topic. When analyzing sources, it is important to ensure that the information presented pertains directly to the topic being researched.

### Reliability

Reliability refers to the trustworthiness of the source content. When analyzing sources, it is important to ensure that the information presented is supported by credible sources and that the author of the source is an expert in the field being researched.

### Appropriateness

Appropriateness refers to whether the source is appropriate for the audience and purpose of the research. When analyzing sources, it is important to ensure that the language and content of the source match the level of understanding of the intended audience, and that the source's purpose aligns with the research topic.

### Review Questions

1. What does accuracy refer to when analyzing sources?

Answer:

2. Explain the concept of relevance when analyzing sources.

Answer:

3. What is reliability and why is it crucial when analyzing sources?

Answer:

4. Briefly define the concept of appropriateness when it comes to analyzing sources.

Answer:

5. Why is it important to analyze research sources when researching literature?

Answer:

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