

**CHECKLIST OF CHARACTERISTICS  
OF SCHOLARLY / NON-SCHOLARLY  
RELIABLE / NON-RELIABLE RESOURCES**

**Books**

	<b>Scholarly</b>	<b>Non-Scholarly</b>
Is the author / editor an expert in his/her field?	Yes	Maybe
Is there a Bibliography at the end of the book?	Often	Seldom
Does the book contain footnotes?	Sometimes	No
Does the overall tone/content appear scholarly?	Yes	No

**Magazines / Journals**

	<b>Journals</b>	<b>Magazine</b>
Is there an author?	Yes	Maybe
Is there more than one author/editor?	Often	Seldom
Is there biographical information about the writer?	Often	Seldom
Is the publication issued quarterly?	Often	Seldom
Are the articles long? (5 or more pages?)	Often	Seldom
Is there a Bibliography at the end?	Often	Seldom
Does it contain footnotes?	Sometimes	Never
Does the overall tone/content appear scholarly?	Yes	No

**Reliable / Unreliable Web Sites**

	<b>Reliable</b>	<b>Unreliable</b>
Does it have an author/editor?	Yes	Maybe
Is the author/editor an expert in his/her field?	Yes	Maybe
Does it have a publisher or controlling body?	Yes	Maybe
Is there documentation?	Maybe	Maybe
Does it sound open minded and fair?	Yes	Maybe
Does it cite sources to support its argument?	Yes	Maybe
Does it provide the information needed to document it?	Yes	Maybe