A.B.C.D.E Checklist for Source Evaluation

Author/Authority - Knowing the source creator	
Who wrote this?	
What organization sponsored this?	
What do you know about them?	
What can you find out about them?	
What are his or her qualifications?	
Can you contact them?	
Bias - Knowing the source fairness	
What is the purpose of this source/site?	
Does bias make sense in relation to your argument? Is it obvious?	
Can you use it anyway, and find something with a counter bias?	
Content - Knowing the source suitability	
Is the information tone appropriate for your project?	
Does this content appear elsewhere?	
Does it match with what you already know?	
Does it link (cite) to other sources and vice-versa?	
Date - Knowing the source currency	
Is the information up-to-date?	
Does the publication date make sense in relation to the information presented? For this topic, does it matter?	
Is the reference list provided contemporary or too old?	
Evaluation/Ethics- Knowing reader's (your) understanding	
Should you use this source/information? Why/ why not?	
Do you need any additional resource to get a balanced picture?	
Do you site the source properly?	