Academic Sources

Judging Academic Sources – and your sources MUST be academic…

1. Is **the author** a **scholar**? How do you know?

Does he or she have a PhD or is working on one? Are they affiliated (connected to) a university? Is his or her PhD in the field that she or she is writing about?

2. Is the **article, book or source** **academic**?

Does the source have references to its data – footnotes, endnotes, and a bibliography or works-cited list?

Does the author describe his/her methodology (how he or she came up with his/her conclusions?)

Is the source peer reviewed? How can you know?

Was the review process blind (meaning that the reviewers didn’t know each other)?

3. Is the **journal, book or source academic**?

Is the publication house (book publishing company) an academic or popular press?

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See the following websites for additional information:

<https://kildekompasset.no/en/source-evaluation/>

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/conducting_research/evaluating_sources_of_information/general_guidelines.html>

(the OWL website also has useful citation information, as well as a lot of other writing tips that you may find helpful)

Since with AI students often fake up sources – URLS to ALL academic sources must be provided. I will check to see if they are real.