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**Evaluating Sources**

*Directions*: Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then rank each of the five parts from 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource (and whether your professor would want you to!).

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