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Question: There are lots of tips, advice, and some misconceptions out there when it comes to finding sources. Let's check how much you already know! 1. There's a perfect source out there for you.

Answer: False

Type: MCQ

Status: CORRECT

Feedback: You might find some excellent and helpful sources but generally there isn't one perfect source that does everything you want it to do. This is why you often must find a variety of sources as a researcher.

Question: 2. There's no one-size-fits-all source. Different research projects will have different source requirements.

Answer: True

Type: MCQ

Status: CORRECT

Feedback: As we'll see later in this module, there are markers that suggest a source is high quality. But each research project is unique and the sources that work for one project might not work as well for another.

Question: 3. Finding a good number of sources is sufficient to start writing.

Answer: False

Type: MCQ

Status: CORRECT

Feedback: While it might feel tempting to just pick some sources and dive into your writing, your overall research project will suffer if you don't put some thought into your sources and make sure that you're selecting sources that meet your needs and help you achieve your project goals.

Question: Now that you understand what credible and non-credible sources are, consider the following scenarios. Scenario 1: Jamie wishes to use a scientific study as a source in their research. What should they consider when evaluating the credibility of the source?

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Answer: Whether the results were presented accurately, Whether the method was sound, The reputation of the journal that published the study

Type: MCQ

Status: CORRECT

Feedback: In this scenario, Jamie's personal take on the topic shouldn't come into play since they probably aren't an expert on the topic! Rather, they should look for factors that indicate whether or not the source is credible, such as the research methods used or the reputation of the publication.

Question: Scenario 2: Emily plans to use a social media post as an example in her research. She selects a post where someone is commenting on and also sharing an article. What should she consider when evaluating the credibility of the source?

Answer: The factualness of the article being shared, The reputation and background of the author of the original article being shared, The reputation and background of the person creating the post

Type: MCQ

Status: CORRECT

Feedback: In this situation, Emily should pay attention to the markers of credibility in both the article being shared and the person sharing the article. Whether or not the post is popular isn't something she should use to determine credibility since, unfortunately, rumors and bogus content can often be quite popular online! We'll look at markers of credibility in more detail in Module Two.

Question: It's not advisable to use popular sources in academic research.

Answer: True

Type: MCQ

Status: INCORRECT

Feedback: Popular sources can be credible and worthy of inclusion in research projects, but sometimes it might not be appropriate to use them. For instance, your professor might require you to only use scholarly sources. Always consider your project needs and be aware of any requirements for your research project. Click Show Answer to see the correct answer.

Question: Select which of the following steps you should take when researching time-sensitive topics.

Answer: Take extra care with evaluating and fact-checking your sources, Be alert to misinformation and rumors, Get a sense of who's saying what in a debate

Type: MCQ

Status: CORRECT

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Feedback: Paying close attention to what's being said, and who's saying what, is important in a breaking news situation or a situation where you're dealing with hotly debated and contested issues. Working fast or going with whatever the recent takes are can get you into trouble. Misinformation and rumors spread quickly, and working fast or jumping onto a narrative bandwagon might result in your getting misled or using non-credible information. Likewise, trying to dig through scholarly journals in a breaking news situation might result in you not finding useful sources as output is slow.

Question: You're in a rush to submit your work and decide to just use the first sources you come across for your research paper on beauty standards and plastic surgery. The sources are found to be non-credible and of low quality. What could be some of the consequences here?

Answer: tt

Type: TEXT

Feedback: Here are some of the consequences you might have considered: Receiving a poor grade on the assignment and in the course itself Loss of future opportunities because your professor might think poorly of your work and decide not to recommend you for future projects Extra work if you end up having to redo the assignment or do additional work to boost your grade

Question: Your boss asks you to conduct some research to determine whether or not your team should invest in a new productivity tool. You have a lot going on at work and do some quick, cursory searches before putting together a report. Unfortunately, the tool you ended up recommending has a lot of issues and wasn't a good investment. What could be some of the consequences here?

Answer: gg

Type: TEXT

Feedback: As with the first scenario, you could have some unpleasant consequences due to rushing and not taking the time to find appropriate sources. Here are some of the consequences you might have considered: Losing opportunities for advancement or promotion due to your poor report Losing the trust of your team members Financial implications for the company due to strain on the budget Overall, not taking the time to find and use appropriate sources can lead to extra work and stress and can damage your reputation.