

Source Worksheet

1. What kind of source is this – an entire book, book chapter, journal article, newspaper article, etc.?
2. Who is the author and why do you think the author is a trusted source for this topic? What kind of research do you think the author did in order to write your source?
3. What is the author's central argument? What are some key questions that the author is attempting to answer?
4. How is the author making their argument? What kinds of evidence is the author using (personal narrative, statistics, studies, etc.)? What is the tone of the piece? What is its structure (long/short, sections, etc.)?

5. Copy down a couple of the most useful/relevant/important quotations from this source, and be sure to note the page numbers. (You might need to excerpt from longer sentences/paragraphs in order to shorten the quote to just the most relevant parts.)

6. What do you agree with in this source? What do you disagree with?

7. Do you have the information to create a proper MLA-style bibliographic entry for your works cited list? (You should verify the format on the OWL at Purdue website online)