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## Senior Seminar: Introduction to Research

List three primary sources from our class research:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now list three secondary sources from our class research:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Using the questions below, choose one of the three primary and one of the three secondary sources to verify. Remember, you may not have all the answers to every question. The more questions you can answer at length and with certainty, the more reliable your source is.

Primary Source: \_\_\_\_\_

### Authority

1. Who is the author?
2. What are their credentials?
3. Do they have knowledgeable experience in the field they are writing about?
4. What is their reputation?

### Accuracy

5. Compare the author's information to what you already know. Is the information new or surprising?
6. Are there proper citations?
7. Is the information biased? Is there a strong opinion?

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Coverage

8. Is the information relevant and does it meet your needs?
9. Are there statistics, charts, or graphs to back up the data?

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Secondary Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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