

Compare and Contrast Information From Different Sources

When you research a topic, it's important to look at multiple sources. Comparing multiple sources can help you evaluate the reliability and value of each individual source.

Pick a topic that interests you, and find three different sources about that topic. Fill out the graphic organizer below with some basic information. Then, answer the questions on the following page to compare and contrast your sources.

Source 1	Source 2	Source 3
_____	_____	_____
What kind of source is it? <i>Book? Magazine? Website? If it's a website, what kind of website is it?*</i>		
How many paragraphs or pages are written specifically about the topic?		
Who is the author or creator? <i>Who created this source? Where does this information come from?</i>		
Take notes as you read through the source. <i>What information is the same in each? What information is different?</i>		

***Hint: the end of the domain name can provide a clue about what type of website it is.**

.edu : education sites

.gov : government sites

.org : organization sites

.com : commercial sites

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1 What similarities and differences did you notice across the three sources?

2 Was there information provided in one source that wasn't addressed in another?

3 Was there any conflicting information between the sources? If so, which source seems more accurate, and why?

4 Did any of the sources provide information in a more biased way than the others? Why do you think that might be?

5 Describe the advantages and disadvantages of each source. Are there instances where one source might be more appropriate to use than another?
