## WHEN DEALING WITH RESEARCH SOURCES...

## **REASONS SOMETHING COULD BE:**

- RELEVANT (USEFUL FOR MY PURPOSE)
  - o it is about my topic
  - o it has links to other sites / books that are relevant
  - o there is no irrelevant information
  - o it answers the questions I am asking
- BELIEVABLE / CREDIBLE
  - o type of source (published / official sources are better)
  - o author (being an expert is better)
  - o when it was published (newer is better)
  - o depth of information (deeper / more is better)
  - o it says where it gets its information from (probably the most important thing for a research source)
  - o objective (it isn't biased or isn't an ad)
- TRUE
  - o it is backed up by other sources
  - o it sounds/looks right
  - o it fits in with other things you know are true

