CREDIBLE SOURCES LESSON - *Rating Scale*

*Rate each of the sources viewed based on the following categories.*

*5 = highly effective, 1 = ineffective*

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| **CATEGORY** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** |
| Website Appearance* organized
* professional
* current
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| URL Address* .org/.edu/.gov generally better than .com
* professional
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| Author’s Background* experience in the field
* relevant education
* expert on the topic
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| Currency of Information* site is updated
* data/facts/sources are current
* site is recent (if relevant)
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| Sources/Origin of Information Referenced* links to external pages
* works cited or bibliography
* multiple, varied sources
* current information
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| Bias/Objectivity* information is unbiased
* perspective is objective related to topic
* multiple perspectives provided
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WEBSITES FOR ACTIVITY - *Topic: Martin Luther King Jr.*

1. <http://martinlutherking.org/>
2. <http://www.nytimes.com/topic/person/martin-luther-king-jr>
3. <https://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20100203235109AAg50Vw>
4. <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr>
5. <http://americanhistory.about.com/od/afamerpeople/p/mlking.htm>
6. <https://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/Letter_Birmingham_Jail.pdf>
7. <http://www.diss.fu-berlin.de/diss/servlets/MCRFileNodeServlet/FUDISS_derivate_000000005337/Non-violence.pdf>