

KNOW YOUR SOURCES



Social Media, Blogs, Reddit, etc

- Written by the general public
- Eyewitness accounts immediate, but subjective
- Sometimes find stories underreported elsewhere

News Media

- Written by professional journalists
- Must meet editorial standards
- Edited by fact checkers, editors, producers and publishers
- Stories evolve over time, sometimes initial reporting wrong



Popular Magazines and Long-form Journalism

- Written by professional journalists or writers
- Must meet editorial standards for publication
- Can be stylized and/or include opinions

Academic (Peer-Reviewed) Journals

- Written by scholars /researchers
- Reviewed before publication by a panel of experts, editors
- Articles can be rejected
- Current events can take months/years to publish



Books, Encyclopedias, etc.

- Written by professional writers, scholars, journalists,
- Usually reviewed of a book by an editor and/or fact checkers
- Books allow for a broad overview
- Current events can take years to publish

EVALUATE YOUR SOURCES ACTIVITY

