

	4 — Strong	3 — Solid	2 — Shaky	1 — Weak
<b>Reliability</b>	Institution-backed or expert source; claims can be traced and checked; publication info is complete.	Credible source; most claims traceable; minor gaps in publication info.	Unclear authorship or authority; some claims cannot be checked.	Anonymous or unaccountable source; claims cannot be traced at all.
<b>Evidence &amp; Citations</b>	Cites its own sources; evidence is specific and verifiable.	Cites some sources; evidence is mostly specific.	Few citations; evidence is vague or secondhand.	No citations; assertions only.
<b>Bias &amp; Purpose</b>	Purpose is clear; any bias is acknowledged or easy to account for.	Purpose mostly clear; mild slant that a careful reader can filter.	Purpose unclear or promotional; slant shapes the content.	Built to persuade or sell; bias overwhelms the information.
<b>Perspective &amp; Coverage</b>	Presents the tradition from within its cultural context; notes variation across regions and time.	Culturally respectful; limited but honest coverage.	One narrow view presented as the whole story.	Stereotypes or flattens the culture it describes.

## How to Use This Rubric

Score each source against all four criteria, not just the one that jumps out. A source can look reliable and still fail on perspective, or read as unbiased and still skip citations. If a source lands at 1 or 2 on two or more criteria, it needs replacing, or pairing with a stronger source to cover its gaps.

Rate the source, then defend your two lowest scores in one sentence each.