

JUDGING INFORMATION

The following criteria scale is used to determine the overall score.

Total points possible: _____

1 = Weak **2** = Moderately Weak **3** = Average **4** = Moderately Strong **5** = Strong

1. The student draws conclusions about the relevance and quality of the information.	1	2	3	4	5
2. The student considers the qualifications of the writer or speaker as an authority on the information.	1	2	3	4	5
3. The student differentiates different sources according to their reputation and reliability.	1	2	3	4	5
4. The student recognizes the existence of bias in information and of motives in sources.	1	2	3	4	5
5. The student distinguishes between factual information and opinions.	1	2	3	4	5
6. The student looks for evidence in the information to back up any assertions made by the author.	1	2	3	4	5
7. The student distinguishes between primary sources and secondary sources of information.	1	2	3	4	5
8. The student assesses the reliability of information, or of a source, by checking some of its content against other sources.	1	2	3	4	5
9. The student depends on a variety of sources for his or her information.	1	2	3	4	5
10. The student's evaluation of information demonstrates his or her full potential in applying this skill.	1	2	3	4	5

Additional Comments:

Total Points Earned/Grade: _____