

“Evaluating Sources”

0501.4.5 Evaluate and determine the reliability of sources on a given topic.

Title: “Evaluating Sources”

Materials:

- TV station or Promethean board to display PowerPoint presentation

Activity:

- Present a PowerPoint presentation (http://jc-schools.net/dynamic/LA/ppt/evaluating_sources.ppt) that defines the terms “primary” and “secondary” sources, as well as the concept of “reliability” as it relates to these sources.
- Brainstorm examples of reliable primary sources with students. Brainstorm examples of reliable secondary sources that pertain to their research topic, e.g., American Civil War.