

## Researching Facts for Argument

**Directions:** Using the same article that you used for the Argumentative Writing Introduction questions, You'll research and find two additional/new facts that would help support/substantiate the author's claims and/or overall point/stance/argument, but also checking the sources' reliability and documenting the sources correctly using MLA format.

1. Think about where the article could use more facts to support one or more of its claims. Go online to find some facts that would be helpful in making one or more claims stronger, **or** you could even find facts to create a new claim that you feel was absent in the article. Write the exact facts verbatim (word for word) as it appears where you found it. The facts **cannot** be from the same source/website, nor can they be from any already listed sources, if applicable.

Fact A-

Fact B-

2. Evaluate the source's reliability/credibility. Fill out the following table regarding each source. **If you have two or more "No" answers, consider it potentially unreliable and don't use the fact from that source.**

Fact A

Question	Yes	No
Does the source list a specific author?		
Is the article recent (within the past 5 years or so)?		
Does the website look professional? (Does it look clean and avoid things like misspelled words, etc.?)		
Does the article give sources for its facts?		
Is the website generally well known? If so, is it known to be unbiased?		
Does the website end in .gov or .edu? ("Yes" greatly strengthens reliability, but a "No" does <b>not</b> hurt reliability.)		

Fact B

Question	Yes	No
Does the source list a specific author?		
Is the article recent (within the past 5 years or so)?		
Does the website look professional? (Does it look clean and avoid things like misspelled words, etc.?)		
Does the article give sources for its facts?		
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3. Document each source that you used to find the fact. You must document it correctly in MLA format using the Documenting Internet Sources guide on the Weebly Resource page. Write your MLA documentation for each source for fact A next to letter A below, and the source for fact B above next to letter B below.

Documentation for source for Fact A:

Documentation for source for Fact B: