Essential Evaluation Checklist
Make sure you understand the types of resources required for your assignment, e.g. do you need academic journals? Ask yourself these questions when looking for scholarly information:

**Author/s**
- Is there an author or authors?
- Can you find the author's qualifications?
- Do their qualifications relate to the topic in the article?
- Has the article been peer reviewed?
- Can you find evidence to show that the entire journal is refereed?

**Objectivity**
- Is the purpose of this article to inform, or to sell/speculate?
- If there is any apparent bias in the article, is the author a recognised expert in the field?
- Can you tell who the article is targeting, e.g. scholars or professionals?

**Date**
- Can you tell when the information was written, or last updated? Is this important for your topic?
- For a website: can you find evidence that the website is being maintained?

**Evidence**
- Does the article have references that support the author’s ideas?
- Is the article referencing scholarly material?
- Can you find any data, statistics or original research in the article?

**Relevance**
- Is the article completely related or applicable to your topic?
- Is the information related to a specific region or all areas?

**Notes**