SCORE Rating System

Scope (What level of depth of information is presented, determined by intended audience?)
- 2 points: journal or other professional literature
- 1 point: magazine, newspaper or other popular literature for general public
- 0 points: unpublished source

Currency (Is the information is still valid?)
- 2 points: published within last 5 years
- 1 point: published 5-10 years ago
- 0 points: older than 10 years or no date known

Originality Level (Where /how did author get the information?)
- 2 points: primary source (original data, report from original data, original creative work)
- 1 point: secondary source (compilation, analysis, evaluation of primary sources)
- 0 points: tertiary source (interpretation, explanation, summary of primary or secondary sources)

Reason (Why is author sharing this information?)
- 2 points: to inform
- 0 points: entertainment or persuasion

Expertise (Why believe this author?)
- 2 points: author’s name & credentials provided & are relevant to topic
- 1 point: author’s name
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