

## ACTIVITY 6.4: ASSESSING CREDIBILITY

Find a news article and assess it based on the following journalistic standards. At the end, evaluate the credibility of the article.

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF ARTICLE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SOURCES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How many people are quoted in the story?</li><li>• Are they experts or knowledgeable about the topic? How do you know?</li></ul>	
<b>FAIRNESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highlight any adjectives or phrases used to describe people or issues.</li><li>• Are the descriptions neutral?</li><li>• Does any of the language have an emotional tone?</li></ul>	
<b>RESEARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are any reports mentioned or any statistics included?</li><li>• Do they help make sense of the story?</li></ul>	
<b>CONTEXT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What background information is included?</li><li>• Does the added information help you better understand the news events/issues?</li></ul>	
<b>ACCURACY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Underline any facts related to the central story.</li><li>• How do the facts support or help tell the story?</li></ul>	
<b>FINAL QUESTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do you think it is a credible news article? Why or why not?</li></ul>	