

# The PROP Method

1. Determine if there is a source for the information. If no, the information is unsupported and weak and cannot be evaluated. If yes, evaluate the source using the PROP method.

**P** Primary or secondary source?  
In other words, is it an eyewitness account?

**P****E****R****S****P****E****C****T****I****V****E** Reason why the source was created? Who is the author? Would someone benefit if the truth was distorted?

**O** Other evidence to support the evidence in this source?  
(Eyewitnesses, statements, recordings, photographs, etc.)

**P** Public or private statement?

2. Evaluate the source overall. How reliable is it? What are its strengths and weaknesses?