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## Relevance..... **YES NO**

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## Authority..... **YES NO**

- Who is the author or publisher of the information? \_\_\_\_\_
- Can you find and verify the author or publisher's credentials?
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## Accuracy..... **YES NO**

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- What is the purpose of the information? Does it aim to teach, entertain, sell, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_
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