

SIFT Source Evaluation Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Directions

SIFT is four quick moves for checking whether a source is trustworthy. Choose one source on your research topic and complete each move below. Do your checking in new tabs, not only on the source itself.

Source title: _____

Link: _____

S — Stop

Pause and notice your reaction before you trust or share the source.

1. What is my first reaction (first look) to this source? In your own words, what does ProEnglish.org Claim?

2. What do you think “the change” refers to?

I — Investigate the Source

Open a new tab . Google: ProEnglish.org mission. Read the organization’s own mission page.

1. Who publish the page, and what is ProEnglish.org purpose?

2. How does knowing its purpose help you read the page carefully?

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F — Find Better Coverage

Search the source's main claim. Do other trusted sources say the same thing?

Google this phrase: California Language education act. If results are broad, add: 1998 vote. Look for a source explaining the policy context.

1. What is the source's main claim?

2. What useful detail did your search give you about Proposition 227 (1998)?

T — Trace Claims to the Original (Trace the vote claim)

Follow a link or citation back to where the information first appeared.

1. What evidence does the source use (statistics, a study, a quote)?

2. What did Proposition 58 change about the choices districts could make?

My Takeaway

(1–2 sentences) SIFT helped me verify....using...The evidence supports / not supporting.....

Exigence - purpose - audience - text

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