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Source: Can I Trust the Creators?

Find a news story that is interesting to you and that includes information/facts from at least two different individuals. Then use this chart to determine if it is a trustworthy source of information.

News story title:	Date:
Publication:	
Writer(s): (If there are more than one, pick one to research and circle their name.)	

Publication	Writer
Is there an About Page? (circle one): YES / NO If so, summarize the information.	Is there a bio or info page? (circle one): YES / NO If so, summarize the information.
Is there a parent company that owns the publication or another organization that funds it? If so, name it here.	Can you contact the writer via email or social media? (If yes, write their email or handle(s) here.)
What advertisements are on the page? Do any seem linked to suspicious products or services?	Does the writer have an active social media account(s)? How often do they post? Are their posts professional?
Do a search for the publication's name and list two additional facts about it: 1. 2.	Have they written other stories for the same publication or other publications? List two examples of their work: 1. 2.

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Write one reason to trust this publication, if any.	Write one reason to trust this writer, if any.
Write one reason not to trust this publication, if any.	Write one reason not to trust the writer, if any.

Now that you have determined whether you should trust who produced the story, let's go deeper. Find two sources (people) who provided information for this story.

Source #1 name and description (if unnamed, write anonymous):	Source #2 name and description (if unnamed, write anonymous):
What information did this source provide?	What information did this source provide?
Search for the source's name (if given) to find out: 1. Are they an expert on this topic? 2. Would they have a reason to know the information they provided to the writer?	Search for the source's name (if given) to find out: 3. Are they an expert on this topic? 4. Would they have a reason to know the information they provided to the writer?
If the source is anonymous, why do you think the writer trusted them?	If the source is anonymous, why do you think the writer trusted them?
What else would you like to know about this source to determine how trustworthy they are?	What else would you like to know about this source to determine how trustworthy they are?

On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is no trust and 10 is deep trust, rate your overall level of trust in this story:

Explain your rating.