# Unit 1 Assignment 1-2 Template – Evaluating Research for Credibility

Note: The template provides 3 tables (one for each reference required by the assignment)

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| **Checklist for Evaluating Research Sources (Professional Journal)** | | |
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