Module 2 Unit 2
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- To be persuasive, evidence needs to come from sources which are considered authoritative and reliable by the academic community you are writing for.

- Sources and evidence which are valued outside the academic context may not be valued within it.

- Sources and evidence which are valued in one discipline may not be valued in another.

- Some sources (e.g. video recording) may be suitable only for particular types of writing task within a discipline or subject area.

- The evidence you use must be appropriate to your writing purpose.

Check what your discipline considers to be acceptable and reputable sources and evidence, both generally and in respect of a specific writing task. Always do this before you begin your research and writing.