How to Analyze a Document

Choosing a Light Source

Ever stared while shopping for lighting, staring blankly at what seems like hundreds of options? You’re not alone. Use this infographic for an easy, comprehensive guide on the most popular light sources. You can compare lifetime, color temperature, pros & cons, and more.

Background Information:
The burning of fossil fuels is one reason for the increase in carbon being stored in the atmosphere. Making choices to reduce energy consumption will help to reduce the carbon in the atmosphere and perhaps slow the effects of global warming. Using light sources that use less energy and have a low effect on the environment can benefit the earth, by helping you to lower your carbon footprint. Lowering society’s reliance on energy would also strengthen the economy.

Recognize Bias in Documents:
Personal comments made by customers may not apply to your situation. Opinions may mislead you to false information, because the information can be based on personal preference, not facts.

Interpreting Relevance:
Not all information on a document may be relevant to your situation. We are only concerned with incandescent, LED, and CFL bulbs. The other sources are not relevant to our presented problem.

Evaluate the Quality of a Document’s Source:
Is the source a reputable company? Does the source benefit from the sales of one lighting source more than others? When evaluating a document make sure the source is knowledgeable.

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