Information Timeline

**Event Occurs**

- **Within minutes**
  - **Social Media**
    - "Breaks" the story. Info may be incomplete, false, or biased.
    - Examples: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, blogs

- **Within days**
  - **News Sites, TV, Radio & Daily Newspapers**
    - As time passes, info gets added, updated, and verified. Opinions emerge.

- **Within a week**
  - **Weekly Magazines**
    - Offers more insight. Likely to include context info, interviews, related topics.
    - Examples: Time, Newsweek, People, The New Yorker

- **Within a month**
  - **Monthly Magazines**
    - Additional time allows for better reporting. May include opinions.
    - Examples: Wired, Scientific American, National Geographic

- **3+ Months Later**
  - **Scholarly Journals**
    - Written by experts. Well-researched and objective.
    - Examples: Journal of American Culture, Nature, JAMA

- **12+ Months Later**
  - **Books**
    - Benefit most from hindsight. Give most in-depth coverage of topic.
    - Examples: Nonfiction titles, biographies, textbooks, reference materials
FYE: 1220— What type of Source Can I use for this information?

Decide What type of source could be used for this information. Use the visual on the back-side of this worksheet to guide you. Defend/Justify your Answers

*note: more than one answer may be possible, so your justification will help determine the correctness of your response!

Compare opinions on the DREAM Act between regions of the United States

Type of Source: ______________________________

Justification:

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Highlight the most recent research on vaccinations and their effectiveness.

Type of Source: ____________________________

Justification:

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Provide a history of women’s suffrage in the United States.

Type of Source: ______________________________

Justification:

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Determine if students in the United States really lag behind other countries in Math Skills.

Type of Source: _____________________________

Justification:

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