**Writing Literary Research Papers**

**Warm-Up: Think About Sources of Information**

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In the “Topic” blanks, write an everyday topic that you want to find out about. In the “Person” blanks, write the names of two different people you could ask about the topic. Fill out a chart for each person, rating the source of information for trustworthiness. Afterward, write one or two sentences about which source you would consult on the topic and why.

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| **Topic** |  | | | | **Person** | |  | | |
| Rate each trustworthiness trait by placing a check mark in the appropriate column. | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | None | Little | Some | | Half | | Most | Total |
| Helpfulness | |  |  |  | |  | |  |  |
| Involvement in Topic | |  |  |  | |  | |  |  |
| Depth/Breadth of Knowledge | |  |  |  | |  | |  |  |
| Care with Details | |  |  |  | |  | |  |  |
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Which person would you consult for trustworthy information about this topic? Why?