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| *10 Persistent Cancer Myths Debunked* | Oliver Childs | March 24, 2014 | Cancer Research UK **Science Blog** http://scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/author/ozychilds/ | Studied Natural Sciences at Bath University. He spent several years working in science publishing in various editorial roles, including as Copy Editor of Nature Reviews Cancer. He’s also worked as a freelance medical and healthcare copywriter. Oliver worked in a non-profit organisation, Cancer Research UK’s News and Multimedia team between 2009 and 2014, helping to manage the charity’s blog and news feed. |
| *Common Myths About Fighting Cancer* | John Naish | June 13, 2014 | *The Australian* **newspaper**  In the ‘Personal Oz’ section under the ‘Health and Fitness’ category | Health journalist for *The Times* newspaper in London |

**Text Analysis Assignment 1: Reliability**

**Analysing Sources for Appropriateness, Uses and Limitations**

Maximum 800 words

1. Which of the **authors** of these sources would you trust most and why?
2. What do the **dates** of the sources tell you about the sources reliability?
3. What is the **audience** of the newspaper source and what effect might this have on the way the source was constructed?
4. In what way might the **purpose** for construction of the blog affect the message?
5. What **biases** might the sources have? Why?
6. Do the sources **agree** or **disagree** with each other? What does this tell you about the reliability of the sources?
7. What are the **usefulnesses** of each source?
8. What are the **limitations** of each source?
9. **Evaluate** how reliable each source is overall.

**Performance Standard at ‘A’ Level**

**Critical** consideration of the *appropriateness*, *uses* and *limitations* of specific sources

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**Text Analysis Assignment 2: Information**

**Analysing Sources for Interpretation and Analysis**

Maximum 800 words

**Question: Are there any effective “alternative” cancer treatments?**

**Activity One:**

**a)** Highlight and annotate your sources to identify useful information, making sure to show links using key words to the question in your annotations.

**b)** Also note areas where one source supports the other and in what way it supports the other source.

**Activity Two:** Answer the questions below.

1. Which source will you give the most weight to because it is the most reliable?
2. What questions must you answer to understand the blog properly?
3. What information relevant to your question did you learn from each source? (Summarise your annotations in no more than 400 words)
4. In general terms, how much support does the newspaper source provide for the blog without providing any detailed evidence from the sources?
5. How far does the blog support the newspaper on the subject of antioxidants?
6. What conclusion or conclusions regarding the existence of a ‘miracle’ cure for cancer can be drawn from both sources?
7. What other information not mentioned already is common to the sources and what conclusion can be drawn from this evidence with regard to the question?
8. a) In what way does either source redirect your thoughts or ideas on the question? Why?

b) How might you reword the question based on these sources?

1. To what extent do the sources resolve the various aspects of the question?

**Performance Standard at ‘A’ Level**

**Insightful** *interpretation* and *analysis* of information and data

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