Checklist ☑

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Chapter 12: Content Analysis

**When evaluating documents, have the following questions been answered?**

* Who produced the document?
* Why was the document produced?
* Was the person or group who produced the document in a position to write authoritatively about the subject?
* Is the material genuine?
* Did the author have an axe to grind or a particular slant to promote?
* Is the document typical of its kind? If not, is it possible to establish how atypical it is and in what ways?
* Is the meaning of the document clear?
* Can the events or accounts presented in the document be corroborated?
* Are there different interpretations of the document from the one you offer? If so, what are they? Have you discounted them? If so, why?