

Lesson Title: Can presidential polls be trusted

Name _____

the chart questions to examine three different polls available at <http://www.pollingreport.com/>. Answer the questions below for all three polls on a selected topic.

	Poll 1	Poll 2	Poll 3
Title of the Poll			
Does the title of the poll appear to be biased? Explain.			
Does the title accurately reflect the poll topic? Explain.			
Who/what organization conducted the poll? (authorship)			
Does the source of the poll appear to be biased or have a motive? Explain.			
How can you learn more about the person or organization behind the poll? (sourcing)			

How was the sample selected?			
What is the sample size in the poll?			
Is the sample size large enough to make a generalization? Explain.			
Are the questions asked in an unbiased manner? Explain. (leading questions)			
Are the answer choices clear and neutral? Explain. (leading questions)			
Are the poll conclusions supported by the polling results? Explain.			

Reflection: In 3 paragraphs (1 for each poll), summarize your overall impression of polling and the polls examined, including your assessment on if the poll results can be trusted.
