Credibility Checklist

Name:

DIRECTIONS | Explore and use the credibility checklist to evaluate a source.

Websites:
1. Government source: NASA
2. Academic source: MIT
3. News source: CNN
4. Commercial source: Terravivos

Name of website/ url:			
Is the author or company/organization/ website clearly identified?		If yes, who is it?	
Are they a well-known, credible, and respected source?		Why/why not?	
Is it a government (.gov), academic/educational institution (.edu), or nonprofit website (.org)?		If it is a commercial site (.com), is it a respected and well-known organization?	
Is the author qualified to write about this subject?		What is the author's or organization's qualification level, education and training, or professional area of expertise?	
Is the article free of any prejudice or personal points of view?		If there is prejudice or personal points of view, list one example.	
Is the information current and up-to-date?		What is the publication date, or date that the site was last updated?	
Does the source rely on facts rather than opinions?		If there are opinions, list one example here.	
Can the information be proven and verified elsewhere?		If yes, where else can you find it?	

EVALUATE | Assess each source's credibility after evaluating it using the credibility checklist.

Source	Credible?	Provide 1–2 reasons to support your thinking.
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Academic source: MIT		
News source: CNN		
Commercial source: Terravivos		

Which of these sources do you think is the **MOST** credible? Explain.

Which of these sources do you think is the **LEAST** credible? Explain.