

S.O.U.R.C.E. EVALUATION

Good thinkers also think about and assess the quality and reliability of the information they use.

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