Literature review – criticising sources

Criticism – checklist

1	Where does the author get her data/evidence?	☐
2	Is it relevant? Is it sufficient to support her arguments?	☐
3	Has she represented it accurately?	☐
4	Has she drawn the most relevant and consistent inferences from it?	☐
5	Is the argument balanced? Is it fair/biased, objective/subjective?	☐
6	Has she omitted anything?	☐
7	Is the argument consistent?	☐
8	Does she use language accurately? Does she mean different things at different times, when she uses a word?	☐
9	Does she reveal all her assumptions when she uses language or does she take things for granted?	☐
10	Do her arguments support or contradict what others have said? If so, why?	☐