01 / CAPTURE THE EVIDENCE

Evidence field notes

One claim. Clear sources. Room to change your mind.

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THE CLAIM

Write one specific, checkable statement.

ORIGINAL SOURCE

Author or institution, publication date, stable URL, and date accessed.

DIRECT OBSERVATION

What does the record actually show? Separate observation from explanation.

ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATIONS

Record at least two plausible interpretations and what would distinguish them.

BEST COUNTEREVIDENCE

What is hardest for your preferred explanation to account for?

Next: use the checks on page 2, then separate what is documented, interpreted and unproven. A missing answer is a research question, not a reason to invent one.

02 / CHECK AND REVISE

A provisional assessment

Use the checks to guide your notes. This worksheet does not calculate a score.

01 Isolate the precise claim.

02 Find who first made it.

03 Investigate the source independently.

04 Trace claims to original evidence.

05 Check image context and processing.

06 Look for omitted cases or records.

07 Compare strong independent coverage.

08 Consider the base rate and opportunities.

09 Test competing explanations.

10 Seek an independent test.

11 Define what would challenge the claim.

12 Verify AI details outside the model.

13 State what is supported and unresolved.

DOCUMENTED - What can the evidence support?

INTERPRETED - Your best explanation and its limits

UNPROVEN - What has not been established?

REVISION TRIGGER - What evidence would change your view?

LAST CHECKED / NEXT REVIEW

Date checked, and when or why to revisit.

Method: original DEVIL13 workflow drawing on Mike Caulfield's SIFT framework (CC BY 4.0) and the NIST Generative AI Profile (2024). Follow the guide for full explanations and sources.

SIFT source guide NIST AI 600-1