

Goal: To be able to identify quality sources of information on the Internet

What do you know about the Internet?

What do you want to know about the Internet?

The Internet (World Wide Web) is a fairly new source of information. Anyone can put anything on the Internet! You must evaluate websites to make sure they are a good source of information.

When you evaluate a website, here is what to look for:

- Who created this website? Is there an author?
- Is the information in this website cited? Do they tell you where they got their facts?
- Is there a date on this website?
- Does the website give a little information on many topics (like an encyclopedia) or in-depth information (like a book)?
- Does the website show only one opinion or viewpoint?
- Does the information on the website seem correct?

Look at the following website and answer the questions:

<http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/>

1. Can you tell who created this website?
2. Is there a bibliography or another way to tell where the website gathered information?
3. Is there a date on the website telling you when it was updated?
4. Does the website information seem correct?
5. Does the website show only one opinion or viewpoint?

What have you learned about the Internet?

Why is it important to evaluate information you find on the Internet?

Do you have more questions on the Internet? What are they?

Vocabulary:

Evaluate: To determine the quality of an item.

Opinion: A personal view or belief. Opinions may or may not be based on fact.

Viewpoint: A particular manner of looking at something.