

Misinformation!

How do you evaluate Websites??

Since anyone can publish anything on the World Wide Web, the evaluation information is critical when finding resources on the Web. Use this checklist to test your critical evaluation ability in selecting the proper information from the Internet. Try to answer as many questions as you can for each web site before you decide to include them in your paper. Make sure to make a note of the date you accessed the site and keep in mind that URLs can be case sensitive.

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is the author? What are the author's credentials?• Who is sponsoring the page? Is it .com, .edu, .gov,• Does the URL have a tilde (~)?• Is there a link to the home page?• Can you find the Web master's email?	
Currency: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When was the page written?• When was the page last updated?	
Accuracy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the information free from error such as spelling or grammar?• Are there sufficient references to the sources of factual information? And are these sources accurately cited?• Are there links to other sites? If so, do they work?	
Objectivity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the author objective? Does he/she cover all sides of issue?• Does the author try to influence the reader? If yes, how?	
Coverage/ Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the page provide information to support your argument?• What is the depth of information and is it appropriate for your assignment?• Who are the targeted audience?• Is the coverage suitable for the intended audience?• Are the links relevant and appropriate?	
Overall Evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on your answers to the questions above, how would you rate this page?• Is this a valuable source for your topic?• Please explain why or why not!	