

Evaluating websites

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Accuracy

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- ✓ Who is the author? Is it specific enough? Are they credible?
- ✓ Check the information by verifying it with other sources?
- ✓ Are there editor or reviewer?
- ✓ Are there errors or possible errors on the page?

Authority

- ✓ Are the author's credentials included on the website?
- ✓ Is the author affiliated with a reputable organization, like a university?
- ✓ Is the information you do provide law based? If so, be careful.
- ✓ What does the domain name (. . . .edu, .gov) tell you about the source?

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Bias

- ✓ Is the information objective or fact?
- ✓ Who is the author promoting or political or religious or commercial?
- ✓ What is the purpose of the page? Is it meant to inform, or sell?
- ✓ If there is a bias, is it clearly identified from the content?

Coverage

- ✓ What information is included? What is excluded?
- ✓ Is there in-depth or superficial coverage of the topic?
- ✓ Is there any bias or conflict of interest?

Currency



Make sure the website meets **all** of the above criteria.



Consider your purpose: How will you use the information?



Be vigilant in choosing websites with reliable information.