

EVALUATING A WEBSITE (OR ANY INFORMATION SOURCE)

1. **Authority:** Who is the author/developer of the website? What qualifications does s/he have for creating this site/page? What organization/company/person hosts the page (i.e., where is it located)? (If you're unsure, try shortening the page's URL to determine the organization or company that's hosting the site.)

2. **Currency:** Is the page or site current? Maintained regularly? When was it last updated?

3. **Relevancy:** Is the information relevant to your topic?

4. **Accuracy:** What facts can you check to ensure that the information contained on this website is correct?

5. **Objectivity/Bias:** Is the information presented objectively? What kind of bias do you think the author(s) of this page may have?

6. **Appropriateness:** In your opinion, is this site a good source of information? Is it a scholarly source? Would you use it in a paper? Why or why not?