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?

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