

Evaluating websites requires two actions:

- Be suspicious
- Think critically about every page you find

Look at the URL for clues about authorship.

- a company (.com)
 an academic institution (.edu)
 a U.S. Government agency (.gov)
 a U.S. military site (.mil)
 a personal Web page (~ / name, %, users, members, people)

Personal page or site?

- Yes No I couldn't tell.

Scan the perimeter of the page, looking for answers to these questions:

Who wrote the page?

Name:

- I couldn't tell.

Does the author have credentials?

Evidence:

- I couldn't tell.

Is it published by a logical entity?

(Hint: Use whois.net or register.com)

Owner:

Why was the page put on the web?

- Inform with facts or data Sell
 Share or disclose Explain
 Persuade Other:

Look for these indicators of quality:

- Arguments are well supported.
 Complete (not "under construction").
 Balanced, objective or factual information.

- Links to more resources.

Do the links work? Yes No

What do others say?

Who links to the site?

(Hint: use Google advanced search)

Many or few?

High or low opinions of site?

Search for the author's name online.

High or low opinions of author?

Is currency important to the type of information found on this web site?

- Yes No

Please explain:

- Date last updated:

- I couldn't tell.

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