



Evaluating Websites

When evaluating websites, it is important to examine the following questions:

- Who wrote it?
- Is this person qualified? What are his/her credentials? For example, could this page have been written by a thirteen year old student for an assignment?
- Can you contact this person?
- Where was the information published? Check the URL. A government or educational site is usually accurate.
- When was the site last updated?
- Do the links work?
- Is the information biased?

The above criteria are known as Authority, Accuracy, Objectivity, Currency and Coverage. If you are sure that the site you have found meets these standards, and you use it for your assignment, make sure you give the proper credit in your bibliography. See the website [Web Awareness](#) for more information on evaluating websites or come to the library and we would be glad help you.