

GUIDE TO WEBSITE EVALUATION

ABC's for Evaluating Web Sites

Authority – Bias – Content – Coverage – Currency

- Authority:** Who's responsible for the content? Do they give contact information or qualifications?
 - Bias:** Is the author following a particular agenda? Can you identify their position?
 - Content:** Does the information answer the question you're asking?
 - Coverage:** Is the information complete? Is the source of the information given? (need to check multiple sources)
 - Currency:** When was the information last updated?
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Website Domains ... Which is Best?

- .gov:** Hosted by a government agency
- .edu:** Hosted by an educational institution
- .com:** Hosted by a commercial or business enterprise
- .org:** Hosted by non-profit organizations

Websites with ".gov" and ".edu" domains should be considered more reliable as they must meet certain guidelines before being registered as such.

Points to Remember ...

- Do not rely on search engines to take you to quality web sites!!!
- Internet resources are reviewed less than traditional print resources.
- There are no established standards for Internet resources.