

Evaluating Internet Sites

- Accuracy
- Authority
- Objectivity
- Currency
- Coverage

Authority

- Who is responsible for contents of page?
- Can the legitimacy of the page's sponsor be verified?
- What are the author's qualifications?

Accuracy

- Are the sources for any factual information listed?
- Is the information free of grammatical, spelling and other errors?
- Is anyone responsible for the accuracy of the information?

Objectivity

- Are goals of groups or persons clearly stated?
- Is the page a "virtual soap box"?
- Is there a point of view/bias?

Currency

- Are there dates on the page to indicate
 - date first written?
 - date placed on the Internet?
 - date when the page was last revised?

Coverage

- Is the subject covered in depth or only briefly?
- Is there a print equivalent and how much of the print source is on the Web?