



Criteria for Evaluating Web Sites

Criteria for Evaluation

- ✓ Accuracy
- ✓ Authority
- ✓ Objectivity
- ✓ Currency
- ✓ Coverage

Types of Web Documents

- ✓ Personal
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Business/Marketing
- ✓ News
- ✓ Informational

Questions to Ask

When evaluating a Web site, try to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust the information on the page? Why or why not?
2. What are the credentials of the author?
3. Does the page present both sides of an issue?
4. Can you find the date that the page was last updated?
5. Does all the information on the page fit together? Does anything seem out of place?
6. What type of Web page is it? What is their purpose for creating the page? Is the type appropriate for the kind of research you are doing?

Remember.....



The World Wide Web is a very extensive and varied research tool. It can be a valuable resource to use when doing research. However, anyone can place information on the Web so don't trust everything you read. If in doubt, always try to verify the information using other sources, contact the site administrator for more information, or ask a Librarian for help.

For more information on evaluating Web sites, try:

http://www3.widener.edu/Academics/Libraries/Wolfgram_Memorial_Library/Evaluate_Web_Pages/659/