

Evaluation Criteria for Internet Resources

Authority

- Is the author and the author's affiliation clearly indicated?
- Is there contact information for the author?
- Is the publisher (or publishing source) reputable?

Accuracy

- Is appropriate documentation provided when the author refers to another's work?
- Is the page error-free?

Objectivity

- Is the purpose of the site clearly stated?
- Does the author make use of emotional appeals instead of logical arguments as a means to sway the opinion of the audience?
- Is sponsorship acknowledged?

Currency

- Is the publication date (date created) clearly stated?
- Is the page revised regularly, with the date posted?
- Are all links active?

Coverage

- What is the purpose of the page? Is the scope clearly stated?
- To what depth does this page purport to delve into the topic?
- Does it claim to be what it is not?
- Who is the audience for the page? Experts or novices?