

# evaluating Web sites

*Keep these things in  
mind when searching  
the Web for your  
research!*

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## ACCURACY

- 1) Who wrote the page?
- 2) Is contact information on the author(s) available?
- 3) What is the purpose of the Web site?

## AUTHORITY

- 1) Who published the document?
- 2) Check the domain (.edu, .org, .com)
- 3) Does the author list any credentials?

## OBJECTIVITY

- 1) Determine if any bias exists (i.e. is this an advertisement, or an organization with a motive?)
- 2) What are the goals of the Web site?

## CURRENCY

- 1) When was the Web site published?
- 2) Are there any dead links on the page?
- 3) Is the content out-dated?

## COVERAGE

- 1) Are the links relevant to the topic?
- 2) Do you need any special software to view the information or do you need to pay for the content?