Case Study #2 on TRIAL

5/5 points (ungraded)

Now let's put this resource on "TRIAL."

Timeliness: Is the resource recent enough to be accurate in the here and now, not just in the past?

- (•) True, this resource is relatively recent, and seems to be in appropriate timing for the content being addressed.)
- (○) False, this resource is quite old, and as such won't be relevant for the reader.

✔

Relevance: Is the resource related to the topic you're researching and does it seem to compare well to other sources about the same topic?

- (○) False, the intended audience seems to be specific to those who care about bees so it should be at a higher level.
- (•) True, the intended audience seems to be the general public and is written at an appropriate level for general news.

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Intent: Does the resource have a clear reason for existing (to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade) and is that reason appropriate for research content?

- (○) False, the author is very emotional and seems to be trying to sell you something.
- (•) True, the article is aimed at informing people of a noteworthy story, is unbiased and free of emotion.

✔

Authority: Was the resource written and/or published by someone with the credentials to justify his/her knowledge on the topic?

- (○) False, because The National is a .com website, it is likely to be an unreliable authority on news stories.
- (•) True, the National is a highly reputable news source and would be respectable to include in a research paper.

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Likelihood: Is the resource likely to be reputable?

- (•) True, the National is not peer-reviewed but corrections are often made to articles, and no such claims have been made.)
- (○) False, this seems unlikely, so I should trust my gut reaction and determine that it's unlikely.

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Case Study #4 Quiz

12.0/12.0 points (graded)

Now let's put this resource on "TRIAL."

Timeliness: Is the resource recent enough to be accurate in the here and now, not just in the past?

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

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Answer
Correct: Correct

Relevance: Is the resource related to the topic you're researching and does it seem to compare well to other sources about the same topic?

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

✔

Answer
Correct: Correct

Intent: Does the resource have a clear reason for existing (to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade) and is that reason appropriate for research content?

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

✔

Answer
Correct: Correct

Authority: Was the resource written and/or published by someone with the credentials to justify his/her knowledge on the topic?

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

✔

Answer
Correct: Correct

Likelihood: Is the resource likely to be reputable?

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

✔

Answer
Correct: Correct

Does this resource pass the "TRIAL?"

- ⦿ Yes
- ◯ No

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Answer
Correct: Correct

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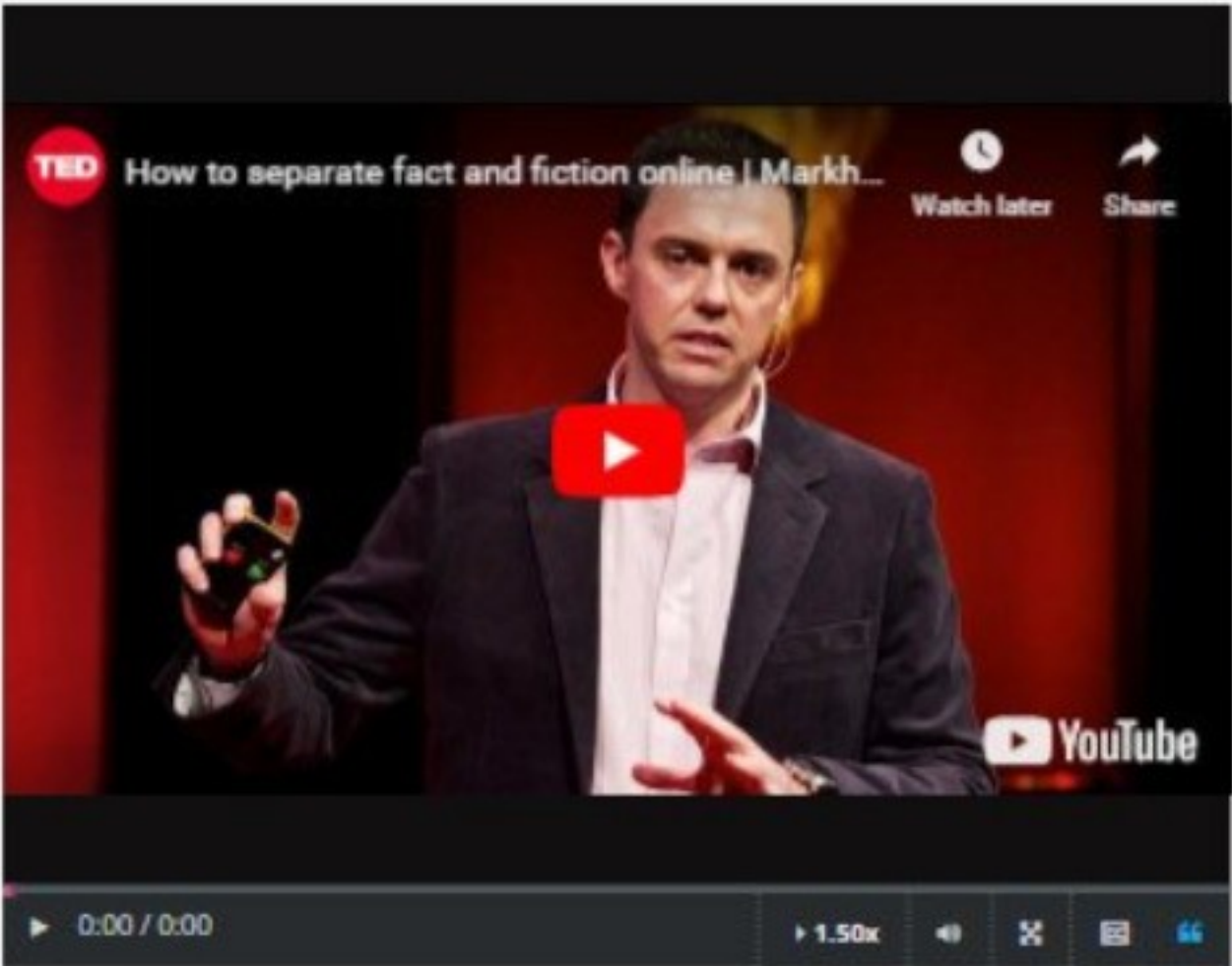
How to separate fact and fiction online

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Congratulations! Now that you know how to put resources on TRIAL, you're much more likely to search in the right place for new resources, as well as to appropriately evaluate the content that you find. The Internet can be a tricky place, so make sure that you're always thinking critically about any information you find.

How Do Professionals Use the Skill of Information Literacy?

The skill of evaluating resources is not just important for doing research, but can be used to support work in a variety of careers. Notably, journalists evaluate research every day to determine if stories they find online are real or not. Watch the following TED talk to gain some additional tips on how to evaluate resources.

Video

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I've been a journalist now since I was about 17,

and it's an interesting industry to be in at the moment,

because as you all know, there's a huge amount of upheaval

going on in media, and most of you probably know this

from the business angle, which is that

Multiple Choice

1/1 point (ungraded)

Choose the best answer from the choices below. Click "Submit" to check your answer

What tools did the journalist use to verify the leads they found online?

- ○ CIA website, phone calls and Google
- ◉ Twitter, Google Maps and phone books
- ○ Google Flights, Instagram and Twitter
- ○ Wikipedia, Facebook and Google

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Multiple Choice

When evaluating resources, the most current resources are always the most credible ones.

- ○ True
- ◉ False ✔

Which of the following is NOT one of the key steps to evaluating any piece of information?

- ○ Authority
- ○ Intent
- ◉ Quality
- ○ Likelihood
- ○ Relevance

✔

What is meant by "information written at an appropriate level?"

- ○ written by someone with an appropriate level of knowledge.
- ○ relevant and accurate.
- ○ important and usable.
- ◉ not too complex

✔

If facts in the content of the resource are different from other resources you have found, it is an indication that the resource...

- ◉ needs further consideration
- ○ should not be used
- ○ is the most current
- ○ must be cited.

✔

a resource is supported by objective reasoning and facts, that resource is...

- ◉ relevant
- ○ authoritative.
- ○ highly likely
- ○ clearly intended

✔

You should try to avoid resources that are written to...

- ○ inform and teach.
- ◉ entertain and sell.

✔

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