

Don't believe everything you read online!

Questions to ask when evaluating what you see on the web:

- **AUTHORITY**

- Who are the authors or who is responsible for the information?
- Is the author or organization qualified to provide the information?

- **ACCURACY**

- Do you have good reason to believe that the information on the site is accurate?
- Are the facts documented?

- **OBJECTIVITY**

- What is the purpose of the site?
- What is the author's point of view?
- Is the information unbiased or does the website admit to its bias?

- **CURRENCY**

- When was the information on the page originally written?
- Has the site been revised or updated?

- **COVERAGE**

- How much and how well is the information covered?

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