Evaluating Online Resources

**A**uthority:

* Who is responsible for this web site?
* What is the author’s area of expertise?
* Is the person affiliated with a reputable organization?
* Does the author provide an email or mail address?

**A**ccuracy:

* Is the information accurate?
* Does the information contradict information you found elsewhere?
* What is the source of their information?
* Is a bibliography of sources provided?

**O**bjectivity:

* Why was this document written?
* Who was it written for?
* Is there evidence of a bias toward a particular viewpoint?
* Are the facts presented relevant to the article?
* Does the information appear to have a strong emotional appeal?
* What is the nature of the language used? (Emotional charged, subjective, etc.)
* Is there advertising on the web page?

**C**urrency:

* Is the information current?
* When was the page created?
* When was it last revised?
* Are the links up to date?