THE ALPHABET GUIDE TO EVALUATING WEBSITES

A = AUTHORITY

- Can you find an author for the website? Is there contact information for the author?

- Does this person list his/her credentials?

- Are they an authoritative source? (Do they have an advanced degree or proof of expertise?)

- What is the domain name of the website (.org, .net, .edu, .gov, .com)? Is it someone's personal website?

B = BIAS

- Does the information on the site appear to be one-sided (all negative or all positive)?

- Does the website try to show a balanced view of both sides of an issue?

- Does the website include slurs or inappropriate language when referring to the subject?

- Does the site contain more opinion than fact?

C = CONTENT

- Does the site cover the content comprehensively?

- Are there obvious errors in the content, or spelling & grammatical mistakes?

- Is the information at your comprehension level or is it too easy or too difficult?

- Does the site leave you with lots of unanswered questions?

D = DATE

- When was the website created? Is there a date?

- Is the website regularly updated? When was the last update?

- Is the information out of date or irrelevant?

E = EASE OF USE

- Is the website easy to navigate?

- Do all of the links work?

- Is the website neat and organized or scattered and haphazard?

- Can you easily link from one page to another?

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