

A tool to evaluate information in a digital world

Below are a few simple habits to practice when evaluating information found on the web.

Stop



- Do you know the website or source of information?
- What is its reputation?
- How do you plan to use this information?
- Is the information unbiased or does the author have something to gain from their opinion?

Pro Tip: Leave the website to research and learn more about it and see what others have to say.

Investigate the Source

- What exactly is the source?
- What can you find out about the website?
- Who is the author?
- Is the source worth your time?



Pro Tip: Google the author to learn more about them including their education and profession.



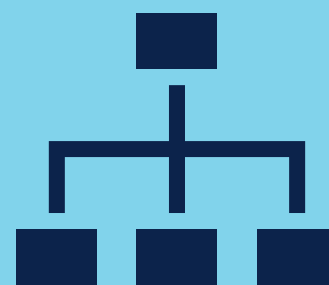
Find Additional Coverage

- Is other coverage available and is it similar?
- Can you find a credible source that is more trusted or in-depth?
- What do expert sources have to say about the topic?

Pro Tip: Look up the topic in the UAGC library or on the web to find additional coverage.

Trace to the Original

- Can you trace claims, quotes, or media to the original source?
- What is the context of the original source?
- Has the information been accurately presented?



Pro Tip: Google a quote used in the source to see where it came from and where else it appeared.

Additional Library Resources

Here are some additional evaluation tools to assist you in locating trustworthy information online and one to help you get the most out of your internet searches:

- [What is CRAAP?](#)
- [Evaluating Resources](#)
- [Four Moves & a Habit](#)
- [Advanced Internet Search Techniques](#)

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