

Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library Research Guide

Internet Evaluation Checklist

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Evaluation Criteria, Part 1

- Authority
 - a person with *extensive or specialized knowledge* about a subject
 - a book or other source able to supply *reliable information* or evidence
- Credibility
 - the quality of being *trusted* and *believed in*
 - the quality of being convincing or *believable*
- Reliability
 - consistently *good in quality* or performance
 - able to be *trusted*

Authority, Credibility, and Reliability... aka Trust and Believability

Evaluation Criteria, Part 2

- Currency
 - extending up to the present time, including the latest facts
- Completeness
 - not lacking anything necessary
- Relevancy
 - relation to the matter at hand
- Legal Issues
 - copyright
 - plagiarism
 - citations
- Special Considerations
 - technology
 - stability
 - cost
 - ease of use

Three Things to Keep in Mind...

1. Anyone can put anything on the Internet.
2. Not all Internet information is useful.
3. ***Evaluating Internet information is critical!***

