



EN 102: Techniques of Reading & Writing II, Prof. Landrus

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Websites

Why choose a website?



Many organizations publish their material directly to their website, so the internet can be a great source of information. However, use information from the web with caution. Since anyone could publish information on the internet, you must evaluate the source of the information to make sure it is authoritative. All websites recommended by librarians are authoritative.

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Evaluating Websites

Remember to always evaluate a website before using it for research purposes.

Some criteria for evaluating websites include:

- Accuracy
- Authority
- Coverage
- Currency
- Objectivity
- Purpose
- Support

You can always ask a librarian or your professor for an opinion about a specific website.

To learn more about how to evaluate information on the Internet, take the Library's tutorial on [Evaluating Information From the Web](#).

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Web Sites

- [procon.org](#)

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The CRAAP Test

Evaluate Web sites according to these parameters:

Currency
Relevance
Authority
Accuracy
Purpose

- [The CRAAP Test](#)

Authoritative Websites

These websites are clearinghouses of authoritative information. Use Boolean search expressions to find information on your topic.

(Move the cursor over the links to see a description of the selected website.)

- o [USA.gov](#)
- o [Academic Info](#)
- o [Infomine](#)
- o [Internet Public Library](#)
- o [Librarians' Internet Index](#)
- o [World Newspapers](#)
- o [Gallup Poll](#)
- o [NIH Medical Encyclopedia](#)
- o [Legal Information Institute](#)
- o [MC LIBRARY SUBJECT GUIDES](#)

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Statistics Websites

Statistics strengthen research papers by providing quantifiable support to an argument. The following links take you to a number of statistical resources:

(Move the cursor over the links to see a description of the selected website.)

- o [Statistical Abstract of the United States](#)
- o [FedStats](#)
- o [Statistical Agencies - International](#)
- o [American Fact Finder](#)

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Limiting domains

Limit Domains in Google: To limit your Google search to reputable web sites, enter the domain you are interested in searching in front of your search terms:

[site:edu](#)

[site:gov](#)

[site:org](#)

[site:www.un.org](#)

Example:

site:gov non-citizens and benefits

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