

Online Resource Evaluation Tool
Digital Literacy Guide

| Website or News Source <i>(Provide URL and Date visited)</i> | Is the source highly credible? Is it known by most colleagues and informed adults? Is it an organization known for providing accurate information (such as: university, research agency, governmental agency, etc)? Did you check the About Us link to find out who runs the website? | Were you skeptical? Were you a detective? Were you a lateral reader? Did you confirm information with 3 sources not linked to each other? | Do you sense a bias? Is it trying to persuade you to believe the author or just presenting facts? Does it present more than one viewpoint? | Did you find other websites with differing perspectives? Did you find opposite facts on other websites? |
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| <p>EXAMPLE 1:</p> <p>https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/wisconsin-wolf-hunt-killed-one-third-state-population Accessed on Aug 27, 2021</p> | <p>National Geographic is a highly credible source known by many students and adults for providing news stories about animals and nature and the history of people.</p> <p>Their “About Us” page indicates they over 133 yrs old, read worldwide 172 countries and in 41 languages. They are global nonprofit organization committed to exploring and protecting our planet, and they fund hundreds of research and conservation projects</p> | <p>Checked out article by Sierra Club and the New York Times</p> | <p>I do sense a bias that the articles were presenting the negative aspects of the hunt.</p> | <p>I looked for reasons that wolves should be hunted and found an article in the Peterson gun and hunting site. This seemed biased in the opposite point of view.</p> |
| <p>EXAMPLE 2:</p> <p>https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/21/weather/hurricane-henri-climate-change/index.html Accessed on Aug 30, 2021</p> | <p>CNN is a widely known news source for both its television news presence and online website. It is a worldwide media site known by many people as a left/liberal leaning source of information.</p> <p>CNN has over 4000 journalists all over the globe and is owned and operated by At&T and WarnerMedia</p> | <p>Looked at other articles by</p> <p>EPA.gov & DefenseOne</p> | <p>It is difficult to sense a bias when reporting about scientific data and occurrences.</p> | <p>I did find a source from an Arizona Atmospheric Educational institution... Course which seemed to contradict the idea in the article that Hurricanes were intensifying with any predictability.</p> |
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