How to Evaluate Websites

Don’t stop at just one website! Find another one that supports the information you need.

Other resources besides websites can give you accurate and reliable information:

- Books & Magazines
- Newspapers
- Encyclopedias
- Library Databases
- Photos

For quality websites, look for these attributes:

- The name and contact information of who made the site is clear.
- The site was created by an expert on the topic (i.e. library, museum, or school).
- The site is easy to navigate and information is easy to find.
- The site was updated recently. (For some subjects, this matters more than others.)
- There are no spelling or grammatical errors.
- Who links to this website? In Google, search “link:webURL”.
- The site’s purpose is clear.