

Hmmm....So many resources so little time!



MAKING SMART RESEARCH CHOICES

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Objectives:



- **To become efficient and effective users of information**
- **To practice using database resources**
- **To be able to cite your work**

True or False:

Websites are always better sources of information than books.



Who Owns the World Wide Web/Internet?



-  Who gives permission to individuals who want to create a website?
- Who approves the info posted on a website? 
-  What is the punishment for posting inaccurate information on a website?

It's ok to be confused!

- There are **billions of websites** out there.
- Sometimes it's very hard to tell **trash from treasure.**



**Domains can tell you
a lot about a website.....**



**.....So don't forget to look
at the DOMAIN**

before you click on the link.

**.....But you STILL have to be
SKEPTICAL!!**

Did You Know...

...that anyone can publish
anything on the web!

It's your job as a researcher
to look for **QUALITY!**



A cartoon illustration showing a woman on the left and a boy on the right. The woman has black hair, glasses, and a purple top. The boy has spiky orange hair, glasses, and a green and yellow striped shirt. He is holding a piece of paper with a red 'F' circled on it. A computer monitor is visible in the background. The scene is set against a light green background with a white border.

Whaddya mean all my facts are wrong?!?

I copied **everything** straight off the **internet!!**

Prin
File



URL CLUES.....



.biz

.store

.K12

.net

.blogspot

.aol

%, ~, =, Users

Members, info

.gov

.mil

.museum

.edu

.org

.com



Remember the 5 W's:

- **Who** wrote the pages and are they an expert in the field?
- **What** is the purpose of the site?
- **Where** does the information come from?
- **When** was the site created, updated, or last worked on?
- **Why** is the information valuable?

CLICK HERE

**to Learn about Parts of a
Website**

When to be skeptical:

- There is no author or organization associated with the website.
- There are a lot of advisements and pop-ups.
- Just because a website looks professional it's not necessarily authoritative.
- Websites that ask you to take some kind of action: donate money, sign a petition, give your email, etc.
- A website that only sites itself, providing links that only lead you to other resources within the site.
- Blogs, editorials, infotainment, prediction, speculation, satire, viral outrage, bogus/fake news, sponsored content, etc.

TRY CITING A WEBSITE:

- Let's look at the websites above and cite a few of them.
- First go to EasyBib.com
- Pick website and find your element and information.
- Copy and paste the URL in EasyBib under website.
- Fill in the empty fields and proof all of them.
- Don't forget to show the URL in the citation.



What is the **the INVISIBLE WEB?**

What are databases?

- Articles of information put together by an educational company in an organized way so that the information can be accessed easily
- Usually they are paid subscriptions
- Usually you need a login to access them





Why use databases?

- **Paid for by the district or NJ state library – free to you!**
- **Can access them from school or home for free**
- **Credible information – written by experts**
- **Reliable and accurate info!**
- **Current**
- **Relevant to middle school**
- **Easy to search and use**
- **Not as many results – not as overwhelming!**

**Remember, the FREE web is not
your only choice!**

- **Did you use print sources?**
- **Did you search subscription
databases?**
- **Did you check with your teacher
or librarian for advice?**

So, why
should we
care about
all of this?



**There are bigger questions
in life!**



**You will be using information
to make important
decisions!**

**Is my new
Hoverboard
safe?**

**What are
symptoms of
anxiety?**

**Which fitness
tracker should
I start saving
for?**

**Which
Bluetooth
speakers are
rated highest?**

**How do I deal
with friend
drama?**

**What are
WHEEL BRIGHTZ?**

**Website/Resource
Evaluation is
IMPORTANT!
LEARN TO BE FUSSY!**





**Not All RESOURCES
Are Created
Equal!**

**Check out the subscription
databases on the
DMS media center website!**

**Then we will go over citing
them.**

Resources Used for the Creation of this PowerPoint:

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