

Criteria for Evaluating Websites

✓ **Authority**

- Is the author clearly identified?
- Are the author's credentials listed?
- Is there an institutional affiliation?
- Does the author have standing in the field?
- Can you easily contact the author for clarification of information?

✓ **Accuracy**

- Is the information accurate?
- Does the site offer a selected list of references?
- Is the source of information clearly stated?
- Is there an explanation of the research method used to gather data?

✓ **Objectivity**

- Is the purpose of the site clearly stated?
- Is the information impartially presented?
- Is sponsorship acknowledged?

✓ **Coverage**

- Does the site satisfy the needs of its intended audience?
- Is the subject coverage comprehensive?
- Does the site offer extra features not available in other formats?

✓ **Currency**

- Is the site current?
- Was the site updated recently?
- Are the links kept up-to-date?

✓ **Design**

- Is the site clearly organized?
- Is there an internal search engine?
- Is the site user friendly?
- Can the site be accessed reliably?

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