

ABCs of Web Literacy

- **Authority**
 - **Accuracy**
 - **Bias**
 - **Currency**
 - **Coverage**
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- **Authority – Good information is presented by some person or group who is a recognized authority**
 - Accuracy
 - Bias
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 - 1. Who is the author? And by what authority does s/he speak?
 - 2. Who is the publisher of the information?
 - 3. What is the relationship between the author of the web page and the publisher/server?
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- **Authority**
 - **Accuracy – It is important to determine the accuracy of information on the web**
 - **Bias**
 - **Currency**
 - **Coverage**
1. **Can you verify the background and/or factual information the author uses?**
 2. **Does the document rely on other sources that are footnoted and/or in a bibliography?**
 3. **If it's original research, is the methodology or the way the data was gathered clearly explained?**
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- Authority
 - Accuracy
 - **Bias – All information displays some bias. It is important to recognize that bias and take it into account when using the source as evidence**
 - Currency
 - Coverage
1. Is the site trying to sell you a product, service, or idea?
 2. Is information on the site documented with references?
 3. Is the information balanced?
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- Authority
 - Accuracy
 - Bias
 - **Currency – Timeliness and the regularity of updates is important**
 - Coverage
 - 1. When was the data gathered?
 - 2. What dates are covered by the data?
 - 3. When was the document last updated?
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- **Coverage – Make sure the information is covered at the level you need**

1. At what depth do you need the topic to be covered? Is this the right web page for you?
 2. Does the author display a breadth of knowledge on the subject?
 3. Coverage is really the sum total of all of the other criteria – Authority, Accuracy, Bias, and Currency.
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