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**Evaluating Internet Sources**
(borrowed from the Colorado State Library)
How do we determine if information is good quality?  These guidelines can help:

**1. Authority**

- Who is the author of the information?
- Do they have any credentials?
- Sometimes you can find this information in the 'About Us' area or in the footer (bottom) of a website.
- If you can't determine the creator of the content, can you rely on it?

**2. Accuracy**

- Is it clear that the information is based on facts?
- Is it verifiable?
- Is the writing high-quality, or is it filled with grammar, spelling and punctuation mistakes?
- It's typically a good idea to check the information in multiple sources, to see if there's consistency.

**3. Objectivity**

- Does the person who wrote the content have an agenda?
- Are they trying to sell something?
- Is the language inflammatory?
- Even if content has a bias, it's more objective if it presents additional points of view.

**4. Currency**

- Has the information been updated recently?
- Is there some indication of when the content was published, or when it was created?
- While older information is fine to use in some cases, in other cases, as in health information, currency is critical.