

The 5 W's to Website Evaluation

WHO?

1. WHO WROTE THE PAGES AND ARE THEY AN EXPERT?
2. IS A BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR INCLUDED?
3. HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AUTHOR

WHAT?

1. WHAT MAKES THIS SITE EASY TO USE
2. WHAT INFORMATION IS INCLUDED AND DOES THIS INFO DIFFER FROM OTHER SITES?

WHEN?

1. WHEN WAS THE SITE CREATED?
2. WHEN WAS THE SITE LAST UPDATED?

WHERE?

1. WHERE DOES THE INFO COME FROM?
2. WHERE CAN I LOOK TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SPONSOR OF THE SITE?

WHY?

1. WHY IS THIS INFORMATION USEFUL FOR MY PURPOSE?
2. WHY SHOULD I USE THIS INFORMATION?
3. WHY IS THIS PAGE BETTER THAN ANOTHER?

HOW DO I START RESEARCHING THE WEB?

1. START WITH KNOWN SEARCH ENGINES LIKE GOOGLE.COM & YAHOO.COM
2. MAKE A LIST OF YOUR SEARCH TERMS
3. USE QUOTATIONS AROUND SUBJECTS
 - a. EXAMPLE: “AMELIA EARHEART” AND “AIRPLANE TRAVEL”
4. BE AWARE OF ANY UNKNOWN DOMAINS
 - a. GOOGLE.COM.CO
5. IS THE ARTICLE BIAS?
6. .edu, .gov --- reliable

ALJ DATABASES

http://alj.clarkschools.org/alj_media_center

1. NEED PASSWORDS FOR OFF CAMPUS
2. WHY ARE DATABASES MORE RELIABLE?

HOW TO FIND A BOOK...

1. ALJ MEDIA CENTER
2. BOOK CATALOG
3. HIT THE SHELVES!

[CATALOG](#)