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Evaluating Websites (Video)

Check your knowledge about this topic by answering these questions.

1. Why is evaluating a website important?

Mark all that are correct.

12 points

* To know if the information is true and correct
* To know about the creator of the website
* To understand why someone or a group made the website
* To know if the site is current and up-to-date as your topic requires

2. What does it mean that a site is a good fit for research?

Mark all that are correct.

11 points

* Has many images or videos to view
* Has information you can read and understand
* Has one or more games to play
* Has no ads or has age-appropriate ads

3. For which of these topics is it important to consider the timeliness of a website's information?

Mark all that are correct.

11 points

* Oregon Trail
* How to bake chocolate chip cookies
* Pet care
* Planets where people could live

4. Based on these article titles, which article would be the MOST relevant for the question: Are polar bears endangered?

11 points

* Baby Polar Bear Born at the Cincinnati Zoo!
* Polar Bear Fur Keeps Them Warm
* Shrinking Polar Ice Cap Is Leaving Less Habitat for Polar Bears
* How Polar Bears and Grizzly Bears Are Different

5. Which of these websites would probably be the LEAST useful to find information about polar bears being endangered?

11 points

* [www.wildlife.org/polar-bear](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.wildlife.org/polar-bear&sa=D&ust=1550695256959000&usg=AFQjCNHZ_pB-9Erx1x0T46IldT5n92M_iw)
* [www.polarbears.com](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.polarbears.com&sa=D&ust=1550695256960000&usg=AFQjCNHq1xoMHyPUdxR_NWuuFYQ1bAs8lg)
* [www.state.gov/biodiversity/polarbear/](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.state.gov/biodiversity/polarbear/&sa=D&ust=1550695256960000&usg=AFQjCNE0RX869aVZkUSXMYwBQXwiU9sAjw)
* [www.biologywildlife.alaska.edu](https://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.biologywildlife.alaska.edu&sa=D&ust=1550695256960000&usg=AFQjCNEHfxnymazB_VYSv6J_J2hsIT7MgA)

6. How can you tell if an author is an expert on the topic that he or she wrote about?
Mark all that are correct.

11 points

* The author has a degree in the field that they are writing about.
* The author is from a trusted group that is associated with the topic.
* The author has an interest in the topic.
* The author has included citations for where they found their information.

7. These are statements about checking for A-Accurate when TRAAPing a website. Which statement about checking for accuracy is NOT correct?

11 points

* The information matches what you found in other sources.
* The site tells where the information came from (citations).
* The information answers one of your research questions.
* The website uses correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

8. When studying birds and TRAAPing a website about birds, pick the author who is MOST likely an expert on the topic.

11 points

* Olga is a volunteer at a wildlife refuge visitor center.
* Enrique has a degree in biology and works for the National Bird Rescue Foundation.
* Mary is a history teacher and spends time birdwatching.
* Matthew is a sixth grader who posted his report about birds on his blog

9. Which statements about bias are true?

Mark all that are correct.

11 points

* Biased information is bad and should be avoided.
* An author's opinions, thoughts, and feelings in favor of or against a topic are called bias.
* One of your jobs as a researcher is to recognize the bias in information.
* If you find the same information in more than one source, then it is not biased.