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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
- www.polarbears.com
- www.state.gov/biodiversity/polarbear/
- www.biologywildlife.alaska.edu

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.