

Informational Website Analysis

Why is this an authoritative site? What makes this information dependable?

	4 Demonstrates near complete reliability	3 Demonstrates considerable reliability	2 Demonstrates partial reliability	1 Demonstrates little reliability	0 Demonstrates no signs of reliability
Authority of the Site	The Site clearly identifies itself/its sponsor. It is a government agency, University, or reputable NGO.	The Site identifies itself/its sponsor. It may be an organization that has a point of view, but there is evidence the viewpoint is balanced.	When I look hard, I can see who the site sponsor is. It is an organization giving its opinion on the topic (but they state their position).	There is some identifying information about the site sponsor. From what I know, the Site probably has a Point of View which they Advocate	The Site provides no clear identifying information – just a title. The Site may be just any individual or group: I don't know.
Authorship of each Article or Entry on the Site	Each article on the site clearly identifies the author of the article and contact information is provided as well as summary info about the author's area of expertise.	Most articles on the site identify the author of the article and contact information. Some information about the author's background is also provided.	Each article on the site clearly identify the author of the article and contact information is provided.	There is an author's name for most articles on the site.	No author's name is provided.
Site Identification of Copyright and Fair Use and Bibliographic Info.	The site provides clear guidelines for reprint and use of its articles; <u>or</u> it provides a Citation guide for citing articles.	The site citation information needed when using MLA citation guide.	Most, but not all, of the citation information is provided on the Site.	Some Citation information is on the Site, but much of it is missing.	I know only the URL. When I go to BibMe (or Citation Machine) – I see a "warning" about "is this Site Credible?"
Currency (How Recently Written)	Date is clear. Date is current.	Date is clear. Date is current or maybe not quite as current.	Unclear date but findable. Article may be somewhat old.	No date provided for the article.	No date anywhere on the site that I can find.