GUIDE TO WEBSITE EVALUATION

ABC’s for Evaluating Web Sites

Authority – Bias – Content – Coverage – Currency

☐ Authority: Who’s responsible for the content? Do they give contact information or qualifications?

☐ Bias: Is the author following a particular agenda? Can you identify their position?

☐ Content: Does the information answer the question you’re asking?

☐ Coverage: Is the information complete? Is the source of the information given? (need to check multiple sources)

☐ Currency: When was the information last updated?

Website Domains ... Which is Best?

☐ .gov: Hosted by a government agency

☐ .edu: Hosted by an educational institution

☐ .com: Hosted by a commercial or business enterprise

☐ .org: Hosted by non-profit organizations

Websites with “.gov” and “.edu” domains should be considered more reliable as they must meet certain guidelines before being registered as such.

Points to Remember …

➢ Do not rely on search engines to take you to quality web sites!!!

➢ Internet resources are reviewed less than traditional print resources.

➢ There are no established standards for Internet resources.