WEB PAGE EVALUATION

For each web page you cite, add an appendix evaluating it as a resource. See http://www.widener.edu/Tools_Resources/Libraries/Wolfgram_Memorial_Library/Evaluate_Web_Pages/659 for additional information and a detailed discussion of evaluating different kinds of web pages.

Evaluate each web page according to the following criteria:

1. **Accuracy**
   1. How reliable and error-free is the information?
   2. Are there editors and fact-checkers?

2. **Authority**
   1. What are the author’s qualifications for writing on this subject?
   2. How reputable is the publisher?
   3. Does the web page cite its sources of information?

3. **Objectivity**
   1. Is the information presented with a minimum of bias?
   2. To what extent is the information presented in order to influence the reader’s opinion?

4. **Currency**
   1. Is the content up to date?
   2. Is the publication date clearly labeled?

5. **Coverage**
   1. What topics are included?
   2. Are the topics explored in depth?

Note that an academic journal or professional book presents all of the above information very clearly. A web page should do so also, or it is not a valid source for research.

**Citations**

A complete bibliographic reference for a web page must include:

- **author name** (may be a sponsoring company rather than an individual or group of individuals);
- **date** the page was posted or last updated (not the date you read it; if there is no date, then use n.d. [no date]);
- **title** of the page;
- **complete URL** for the page.

**Example:**
Alexander, Jan, and Marsha Tate

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