Evaluating Sources Workshop

Core Competencies / Learning Outcomes

4. Evaluate information by:
   c. Distinguishing reliable from unreliable sources of information, scholarly and popular sources, substantiated facts and points of view.
   d. Assessing the authority, accuracy… and timeliness of information.

Suggested Quiz/Survey Questions

Q #1
To find reliable & trustworthy information on the World Wide Web, it is advised that you... (Choose the best answer)
- Use Google Scholar
- Use a .org web page
- Take extra time to check a web page’s expertise, point of view, and publication date
- Find a book instead since all books are trustworthy

Q #2
Which of the following sources has the best expertise (also known as authority) for the topic of vaccines and their effectiveness? (Choose the best answer)
- An article from LATimes.com that has no listed author
- A book review published by Jenny McCarthy in Parenting magazine
- A book written by Albert Einstein
- A journal article written by three authors, two who are professors of medicine and one who is a professor of nursing

Q #3
What is the best clue that a web page has an unbiased point of view? (Choose one)
- The page’s copyright date or date last updated
- The page’s URL domain (.com, .org, .edu, etc.)
- The page has a factual tone, sharing specific sources and citations to support the claims it makes
- The page’s polished web design

Last Question –
What do you know now about evaluating information that you didn’t know at the start of the workshop?
[Free response]