Agenda

- Peer Review / Scholarly Articles
- Levels of information
- Boolean Searching
- Evaluating Information
- Research in the Library
What is Peer Review

Peer Review Process
Three Levels of Information

**Citation**—A citation typically provides the following information: author, title, publication name, date, volume, issue number, and pages of the article, as well as if it contains illustrations or other graphics.

**Abstract**—An abstract is a summary of the article.

**Full text/image**—the database may contain the full text of the article. In some cases, it may also include the full image of the article—just as it appears in the print or online publication itself.
Boolean Searching

- Teams \( \cap \) Groups = AND
- Teams \( \cap \) Sports = NOT
- Teams \( \cup \) Groups \( \cap \) Sports = OR & NOT
Why Evaluate Sources?

- On the internet anyone can post on any topic
- Information is growing exponentially
- Information easily accessible and available
- Internet and databases vendors are providers and distributors of so much information
Web Sources are not:

- Subject to an editorial or review process
- Organized
- Standardized
- Quality controlled
- Reliable
- Clear about who the author is
- The equivalent to a library
Evaluating Sources – Or TAPPS

Timeliness
Authority
Accuracy
Perspective
Scope
• Just because something is available online, it doesn’t guarantee it is current.

• When was the site last updated. Enter `javascript:alert(document.lastModified)` in the address field and press enter. The date and time of the last update may appear in a window.

• Another indicator of currency or timeliness is checking to see if the links are active.
Authority

• Authority includes the author’s credentials, and those of the sponsoring site or publisher (in the case of periodicals and books).

• An author may be more than a person. An author could be a company, agency, organization etc.
Accuracy

Components:

- Completeness
- Use of good English
- Anecdotal evidence
- Use of accurate statistics
What is the point of view of the source?

- Fairness
- Moderateness
- Consistency
Scope

• Advertisements

Consider who the site’s target audience is and what that reveals about their audience and purpose.

• Ease of use and navigation

Another user friendly consideration is the number of clicks needed to get to the information needed. Typically, a user should not have to click more than 3 times to get where s/he wants to go.

• Aesthetics

How a site looks does influence how a person perceives a source. However, the old saying about not judging a book by its cover still applies—either positively or negatively
Library Research Begins at:

http://library.devry.edu

At this time, the following databases or eBooks are not working correctly within Onesearch: ABI/Inform, Books24x7, Credo Reference, EBrary, IEEE Explore, LexisNexis, and Safari.

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We apologize for any inconvenience in using the new search tool.

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