



Steps for evaluating websites

No website is perfect and will probably not pass all of these steps. However, a good website will have more good qualities than bad. So, follow these steps to judge websites that you visit. After you use these steps enough, you might just have them memorized!

1. Who created the website?

Try to find the name of the person, company, or organization that created the website.

2. Does the creator know a lot about the topic?

If the creator wants the visitors to take their work seriously, they will include a page about their qualifications (what they know and are capable of). Sometimes you can find this information under “About Us” sections.

3. Is there contact information (phone number, address, etc.) listed for the creator?

Anyone who creates a website should include this information so visitors can contact them with questions.

4. Is it easy to find information on the website?

It is important to have an organized website. If the creator did not do a good job organizing the information, then they might not know as much about the topic.

5. How old is the website?

The website should include a date for when the information was last updated. Using recent information is important.

6. Does the creator mention where the information comes from?

Just like you have to create a works cited for a report, website creators must give credit to others that they borrow information from.

7. Why do you think the creator made the site?

Sometimes websites are made to sell things or get visitors to do something. Not all advertisements are bad. However, you should think about if the website was created to persuade you or provide information.