

PACE Helper

<p>Purpose and Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the purpose of the web page or site? ● In your own words, briefly describe the purpose of the website. ● Is the web site balanced and objective, or biased and opinionated? How do you know? ● Does the web site have any means of contacting the author or webmaster? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Usually, if the website is of a nonprofit organization, you can find a page that clarifies the goal of the organization. - To determine if the site is impartial, analyze the tone. Does the author sound biased? - Usually, websites will have tabs, sometimes at the very bottom of the site, that will contain the contact information of the company or individuals running the site.
<p>Authority and Accuracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Who is the author of the website? ● What authorship clues does the URL provide? (e.g., .com, .edu, .gov) ● What are the qualifications of the author or group that created the site? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can usually find the author of the site or article at the top of the webpage. - Websites with URLs ending in .edu or .gov are usually more credible websites compared to sites with URLs ending in .com. - Does the author have an online reputation or any qualifications? - Do the authors and/or contributors have a bias?
<p>Currency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When was the website last revised, modified, or updated? ● Is currency important to the type of information available on the website? Explain. ● Is the site well maintained? ● Are links broken? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is important to ensure your information is accurate and up to date. - Does the website properly cite others' works? - You can usually find dates and updates at the top of the articles.
<p>Ease of Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In your opinion, how does the website appear overall? ● Is it well designed and organized? ● Is it easy to read? ● Are help screens available? ● Is there a search feature or site map available? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the site professional and easy to navigate? - Can you easily find the information you are looking for? - Can you use the site without it crashing? - Is there a navigation page to guide you around the website?