

Resources for building a news literacy toolkit (adapted from *School Library Journal*)

- FactCheck.org: Annenberg Public Policy Center's nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. Check out the post [That Chain E-Mail Your Friend Sent to You is \(Likely\) Bogus. Seriously](#), for its *Key Characteristics of Bogusness* and the [Viral Spiral page](#) for claims previously checked
- [Washington Post's Fact Checker](#): *The purpose of this Web site, and an accompanying column in the Sunday print edition of The Washington Post, is to "truth squad" the statements of political figures regarding issues of great importance, be they national, international or local.*
- PolitiFact.com: *a fact-checking website that rates the accuracy of claims by elected officials and others who speak up in American politics, run by editors and reporters from the Tampa Bay Times.* (Note: I discovered their truth-o-meter after I created the little image for this post.)
- [Snopes](#): Since way back in the 90s, [Snopes](#) has been dispelling urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation.
- [Hoax-Slayer](#): Australian Brett Christensen has been debunking email and social media hoaxes and spam since 2003
- [Craig Silverman's BuzzFeed blog](#): The founding editor for BuzzFeed, Canada has been writing for many years for a variety of publications on media accuracy and verification issues.
- [Whois Lookup](#): This tool allows you to investigate the domain behind a website
- [CRAAP Test](#): Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, Purpose posted by the Meriam Library, California State University, Chico.
- Kathy Schrock's [5W's of Website Evaluation](#)
- [Does This Website Smell Funny to You?](#) Amy Gillespie's FART test posted in Knowledge Quest will grab middle schoolers' attention
- [Evaluating Sources Using the RADAR Framework](#): RADAR stands for relevance, authority, date, relevance, rationale. Mandalios, J. (2013). RADAR: An approach for helping students evaluate Internet sources. *Journal of Information Science*, 39(4), 470-478.
- Poynter.org: Housing the International Fact-Checking Unit, founded in 2015, the Poynter organization practices serious journalism, and provides a weekly newsletter on fact-checking and accountability.