

THE **7** LAYERS OF

WEBSITE EVALUATION

Evaluating a website is like peeling an onion. Peel away each layer until you know it is worth using in your research.



1

RELEVANCE

Does this page have information related to my research question?

Skim & Scan / Site Search Engine



2

CURRENCY

How up to date is the information in this source?

Date Information



3

SCOPE

Who is the audience for this page and for what purpose was it created?

Tone / Depth / Language



4

SOURCES

Has the author of this page cited his or her sources of information?

Works Cited / Links / In-Text Reference



5

ACCURACY

Is the information on this page free of errors?

Check 3 / Common Sense



6

CREDIBILITY

Does the author or sponsoring organization have the appropriate credentials to write about this topic with authority?

Education / Experience / Training



7

RELIABILITY

What is the author or organization's point of view and level of bias?

Purpose / Language / Balance