

Ten-Minute Web Review Exercise

Ok, so now you know how to check the legitimacy of websites. Just to make sure that you really understand what we are talking about, we have a short exercise for you to do in class.

Imagine that you have been given an assignment to do a paper on the problem of cyber addiction in the United States and have been given permission by your instructor to use a few legitimate websites in your paper. Go to the search engine "Google" (www.google.com) and type "cyber addiction" into the search field. Arbitrarily choose three websites that come up (do not simply choose the first three on the search list). In five minutes, using the method described above, determine whether or not you ought to use these sites as sources of information in your paper:

1. _____

What type of website is it?

Who wrote it?

For what purpose was it written?

Does it document sources properly?

Is it current?

Is this a legitimate source? Yes / No

2. _____

What type of website is it?

Who wrote it?

For what purpose was it written?

Does it document sources properly?

Is it current enough?

Is this a legitimate source? Yes / No

3. _____

What type of website is it?

Who wrote it?

For what purpose was it written?

Does it document sources properly?

Is it current enough?

Is this a legitimate source? Yes / No