



Web Checklist ✓

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Consider this checklist to help you evaluate any website you encounter and identify potential problems it might have:

- ✓ Is the information **complete**?
- ✓ Is the information **objective** and **trustworthy**?
- ✓ Is the **provider** of the information **qualified**?
- ✓ Is the information **up-to-date** and legally **provided**?
- ✓ Is the information presented in an **accessible** and **easily understood** way?
- ✓ Can you **navigate** through the website **easily** and **quickly**?
- ✓ Does the website provide a means to **search** its contents?
- ✓ What other websites is this website **affiliated** with, **recommending**, or **linking** to?
- ✓ Are there **better** and **more current sources** elsewhere?
- ✓ Is there any evidence of **prejudice** or **unfairness**?
- ✓ Are **opinions** presented instead of **facts**?
- ✓ Is the information **propaganda**?
- ✓ Is the website **overly commercial** or essentially an **advertisement**?
- ✓ What **purpose** does this website serve?
- ✓ Are there possible **motives** in providing this information?
- ✓ Is the information telling just **one side of the story** or **the whole truth**?
- ✓ Can you **confirm** any “**facts**” at another website or in a book?
- ✓ Does the website require you to provide **personal information** prior to access?
- ✓ Does the website have a **privacy policy** posted?
- ✓ If something went wrong, or if you had a question, is **contact information** provided?
- ✓ Does the website require you to use **cookies**?
- ✓ Does the website require you to **install** additional **software** on your computer?
- ✓ If doing research, have you checked at the **library** to see if a book or **special database** exists for your research topic?

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