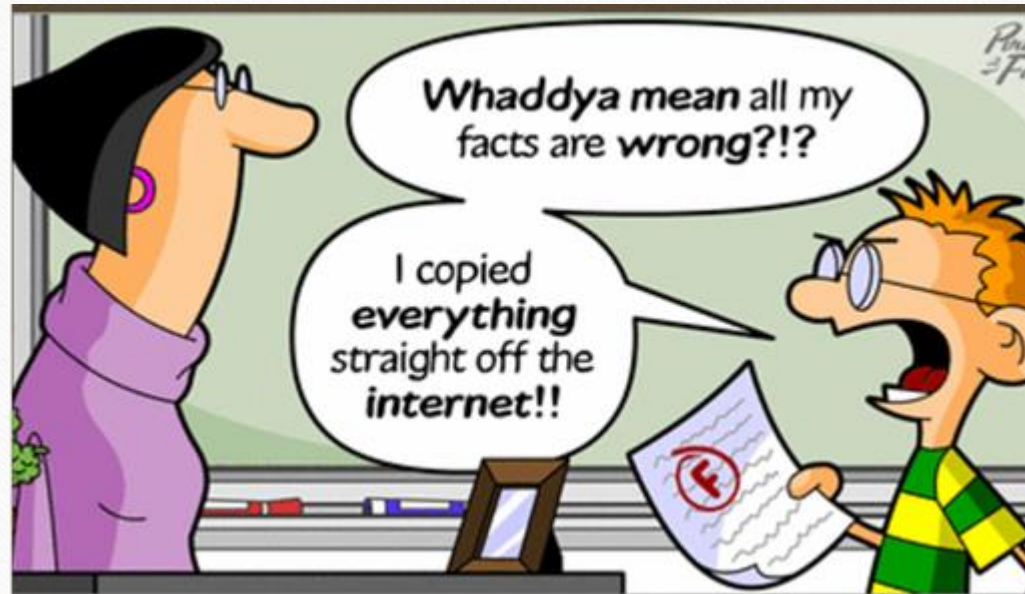


# Evaluating Websites

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# Authority

- Author?
- Contact information
- Credentials



# Purpose

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- Inform, persuade, opinion, entertain, parody
  - Does content support purpose?
  - Is it geared to a specific audience?
  - Domain of site can give purpose
- Domain suffix
    - Indicates top level domain it belongs to
    - .gov
    - .org
    - .net
    - .int
    - .edu
    - .com
    - .mil

# Coverage

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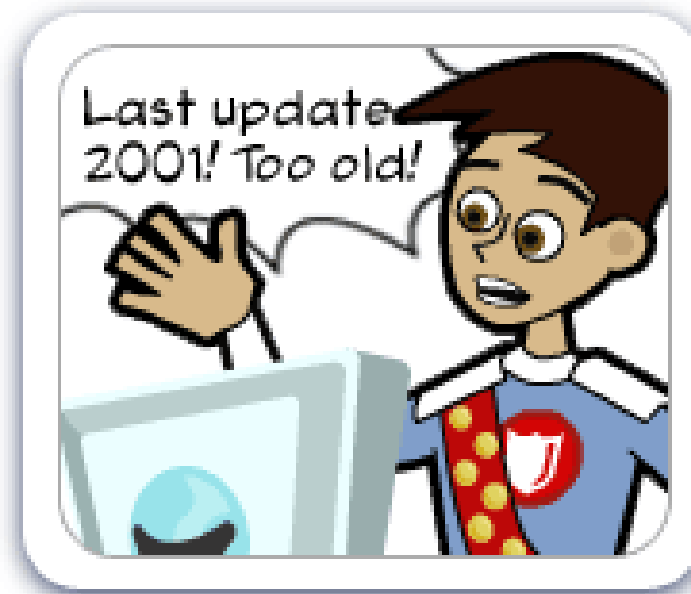
- How in depth are the topics?
- IS the site comprehensive? Or just cover one aspect?
- Does it have outside links?



# Currency

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- How current is the information?
- How often is it updated?
- Find out when it was first written, placed on the web or last revised.



# Objectivity

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- Bias?
- Is the site trying to explain, inform, persuade or sell?



# Accuracy

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- Reliability?
- References?
- Does it seem accurate?
- Is it comparable to other sites?
- Spelling, grammar, and composition
- Bibliography or referenced list?



# Task:

- Choose 2 websites and evaluate them based on the following 6 criteria.
- Provide examples of each criteria or evidence in the table
- Here is an example of a site:
  - <http://www.weatherwizkids.com/>
  - <http://www.theonion.com/>

Evaluating Criteria	Website 1	Website 2
Authority		
Purpose		
Coverage		
Currency		
Objectivity		
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Task 2: Create a Poster that illustrates the website evaluation criteria



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