# HOW TO USE THE INTERNET

## **RELIABLY USING GOOGLE SOURCES**

### EVERYONE GETS TO SPEAK ON THE INTERNET...EVEN IF THEY'RE WRONG

Just because it's on the internet doesn't mean it's true. JFK was not secretly a space alien. Mussolini did not make the trains run on time. Don't let yourself get tricked. Here are somethings to keep in mind when you're looking at an online source:



## **AUTHOR**

- Who wrote the article?

- What is their background?
  Are they experts on the topic?
  Is their contact information available on the page?
  Are there any links to a homepage?
  Does the homepage link to a personal site, or an organization's site?
- -Does the article try to promote the organization the page links to?



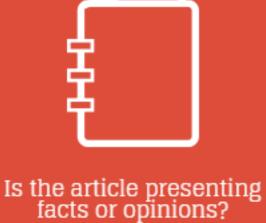
What is the reason the author is writing the article?

Who is the intended audience for this article? Academics, experts in the field, or the general public?

If unclear, is the article trying to inform and educate on a topic, promote an idea, or sell a product?



# 3 OBJECTIVITY



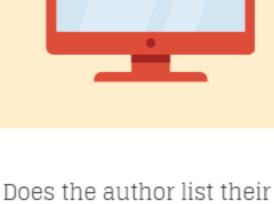




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**ACCURACY AND CREDIBILITY** 



independent sources? Is the article free of

Can any of the article's claims be verified from

sources?

errors?

spelling or grammar



Is the information well

unsupported by evidence?

researched, or is it

What institution (university, government, company) supports this information? Have you ever heard of

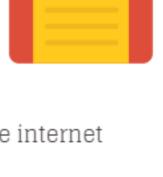
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Check sources

If in doubt, ask a librarian!

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