

Evaluating Internet Sources

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Is the information relevant?	The information clearly addresses one or more topics or questions identified in my research project and is appropriate for my grade level and the assignment guidelines.	The connection between this information and my research topic is unclear or indirect. The material may not be appropriate for my grade level or the requirements of the project.	The information has no clear relevance to my research project or is inappropriate for this task.
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