**Evaluate** web materials as to

* bias,
* opinion vs. supported facts,
* tone,
* credentials of author, and
* date of last update.

*Be critical.*

*Be wary.*

The Domain Name may help in your assessment:

**.org**=non-profit organization

**.gov**=U.S. Government

**.edu=**educational institution

**.com**=commerical enterprise

**.net**=networks such as AOL which provide homepages for individuals

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**SCOPE \***

**•Is the information at a level appropriate for your use?**

**•What is the purpose of the site?**

**To sell products?**

**To provide a public service?**

**To exchange information?**

**•Is there a strong bias?**

**\* AUTHORITY \***

**•Is it clear who is publishing the page?**

**What information about the publisher can**

**be determined from the URL?**

**Is a postal address and/or phone number**

**provided so more information may be**

**obtained?**

**•Is the author named and are his/her qualifications for writing on this topic clearly stated?**

**\* CURRENCY \***

**•Can you tell when the site was created?**

**•Has it been updated since its creation?**

**•Are the links still viable and current?**

**\* CONTENT \***

**•Are editorial comments presented as such?**

**•If original research is presented, is the methodology clearly explained?**