

# Finding and Evaluating Credible Resources



I can find resources and determine whether  
they are useful and credible.

# LET'S DANCE

<https://www.flocabulary.com/unit/source-evaluation/video/>



# Why wouldn't we want to use Wikipedia?



- Let's take a look at Wikipedia's "about us" page...

## Wikipedia:About

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*A general introduction for visitors to Wikipedia. The project also has an encyclopedia article about itself: [Wikipedia](#), and some [introductions for aspiring contributors](#).*

**Wikipedia** (/ˌwɪkiˈpiːdi.ə/<sup>ⓘ</sup> or /ˌwɪkiˈpiːdi.ə/<sup>ⓘ</sup> ***WIK-I-PEE-dee-ə***) is a multilingual, web-based, free-content encyclopedia project based on an [openly editable](#) model. The name "Wikipedia" is a portmanteau of the words *wiki* (a technology for creating collaborative [websites](#), from the [Hawaiian](#) word *wiki*, meaning "quick") and *encyclopedia*. Wikipedia's articles provide links to guide the user to related pages with additional information.

Wikipedia is [written collaboratively](#) by [certain cases](#) where editing is restricted.

The fundamental principles by which Wikipedia is run are a formal requirement to be familiar with the project's goals.

Since its creation in 2001, Wikipedia has grown rapidly. There are more than [82,000 active contributors](#) and over [4 million articles](#). Thousands of visitors from around the world visit the site daily. See also [Wikipedia:Statistics](#).

"Wikipedia is written collaboratively by largely anonymous Internet volunteers who write without pay. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles..."

Wikipedia articles (except in the case of [copyright](#)) are [freely available](#) to anyone who chooses to edit them.

Wikipedia is not a traditional encyclopedia; however, it is not a reference work.

Wikipedia is ranked according to [ComScore](#).<sup>[1]</sup> There are over [1 billion](#) hits every day, hundreds of thousands of hits to the Wikipedia encyclopedia (see [Wikipedia:Statistics](#)).

# Googling exactly what you want

In a different tab, perform the following Google searches and record the number of results.

1. Jaguar   X  Results
2. Jaguar animal   X  Results
3. Jaguar habitat and diet   X  Results
4. Concerns for habitat destruction and effects on the jaguar  
  X  Results

Q: What happens to the number of results with each search?

A:

# Five Keys

- Authority: Who is the author and is he or she credible?
- Purpose: Why was this produced?
- Platform: Look at the hosting URL. Is it a .gov or .edu? Look again at authority
- Links: What do the links lead to?
- Depth: Is it just common knowledge or do you learn more?

# **Are these resources any good?**

**When you find a website for research ask yourself...**

**Can I read it?**

**Does it make sense?**

# Save the Endangered Tree Octopus

Visit [zapatopi.net/treeoctopus](http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus) and offer your thoughts on whether this is a credible source for helping one of the Pacific Northwest's endangered species.



List 3 reasons why this can be considered a credible source or a not-so-credible source for learning about the Pacific Tree Octopus.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.





# Whale Watching on the Great Lakes

Visit [NorthShoreVisitor.com](https://NorthShoreVisitor.com) and click on **Activities**.

Offer your thoughts on whether this is a credible guide for whale watching in Great Lakes Region.

List 3 reasons why this can be considered a credible source or a not-so-credible source for learning about the whales in the Great Lakes.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.





Site One: [The Water Project](#)

Site Two: [The Giant Pacific Octopus](#)

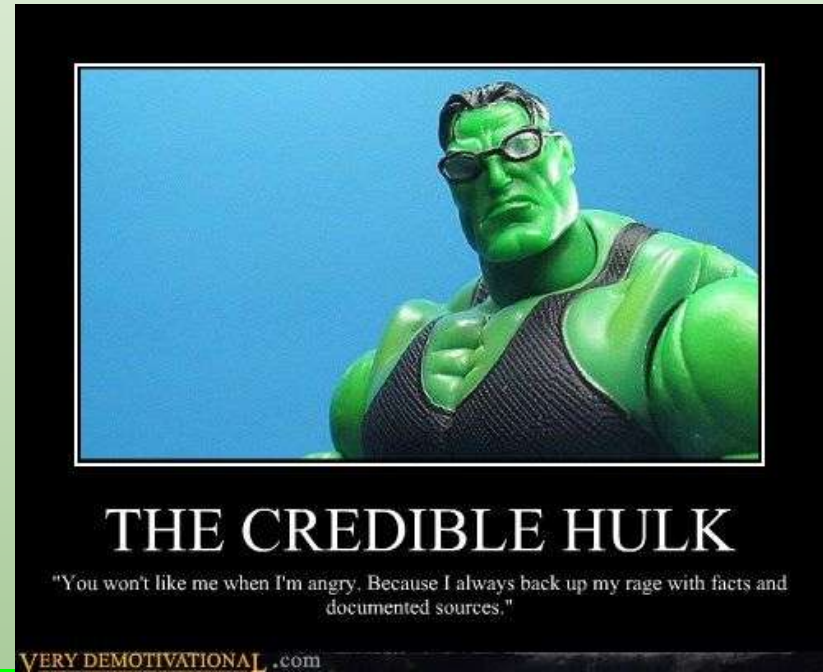
Site Three: [Famous Explorers](#)

Site Four: [Nova Dogs](#)

Site Five: [Choosing the Right Dog for You](#)

Site Six: [Duke Health](#)

*Pick one Site  
and evaluate it  
with a partner*



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