

Evaluating the Quality of Information Found on the Web

There is an abundance of information on the Web. One way to determine the quality of the information presented in the web site is to use A²BCD.

A²BCD

Authority: author clearly identified, check author's credentials, able to contact the author, an original site

Accuracy: cite sources and reputable, relevant links, edited for spelling and grammar mistakes

Bias: not one point of view

Currency: when created, page current, updated recently, links current

Design: nicely designed and well organized, easy to move from page to page, easy to find information

Complete the Chart

Evaluate five sites using A²BCD for quality of information – deciding if the site is a good source of information.

Site to Evaluate	Authority	Accuracy	Bias	Currency	Design	Quality Site Yes/No
meade.k12.sd.us						
fleetfarm.com						
yahoo.com						
wsj.com						
Your Choice						

Also remember **R³**: Research, Resource, Relevant

Ask the question: **Is the resource relevant to research?**