Tips for Evaluating Resources on the Web

Authority:
Who is the author?
What is their expertise?
Clues within the URL:
.org - usually a non-profit organization
.gov - government agency
.com - commercial entity
.net - commercial entity
.edu - educational institution
~ - private individual or employee

Accuracy:
Is the author or other source of the information identified?
Is the author and source of the information cited correctly?

Objectivity:
What is the purpose of the site?
Is the information biased?
Who is the intended audience and why?

Coverage:
How well is the subject covered?
Are key ideas or elements missing?

Date:
When was the site posted?
When was the site last updated?
Are the links leading from this page to other web pages current?