Five Criteria for Evaluating Websites

1. Accuracy of Web Documents
   - Who wrote the page and can you contact him or her?
   - What is the purpose of the document and why was it produced?
   - Is this person qualified to write this document?

2. Authority of Web Documents
   - Who published the document and is it separate from the Webmaster?
   - Check the domain of the document, what institution publishes this document?
   - Does the publisher list his or her qualifications

3. Objectivity of Web Documents
   - What goals/objectives does this page meet?
   - How detailed is the information?
   - What opinions (if any) are expressed by the author?

4. Currency of Web Documents
   - When was it produced?
   - When was it updated?
   - How up-to-date are the links (if any)?

5. Coverage of the Web Documents
   - Are the links (if any) evaluated and do they complement the documents' theme?
   - Is it all images or a balance of text and images?
   - Is the information presented cited correctly?

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