

Lesson Plan: Searching the internet and Evaluating Resources

Finding information on the Internet:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html>

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1. Determining Credibility

- **The Author** :Who is the author, and what are their credentials
- **The Publisher and Publication:** Who is the publisher and what do you know about them?

2. Determining Usefulness

- **Currency:** When was the source published? and how does this affect its usefulness?
- **Audience:** What type of audience is the author addressing? a specialized or general audience?
- **Coverage and Purpose:** How extensively does the source cover the topic? Is the information appropriate for your project? Is it either too simple or too complex?
- **Your Conclusion:** Based on the information gathered in this worksheet, will you end up using the source you have evaluated? If so, why? If not, describe a project for which your information source would be more appropriate.

Tutorial: Internet Detective

<http://www.sosig.ac.uk/desire/internet-detective.html>