Lesson Plan: Searching the internet and Evaluating Resources

Finding information on the Internet:

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html
a tutorial

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