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.

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| 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?**