

**English 1A/Byrne**  
**Essay Assignment: Evaluation of an internet source**

A draft evaluation of one internet source is due Tuesday, November 7. This essay (at least 500 words) evaluates one article you have found on the internet by considering (1) its currency, (2) its relevance and usefulness for your topic, (3) the authority/credibility of its writer(s) and its information, and (4) its bias. Criteria for judging this essay include

- ✓ Clear thesis statement setting out your evaluation of the resource (remember, you can specify a particular use; you can also evaluate it overall)
- ✓ Discussion of each of the four categories above, with examples from the article in illustration of your evaluation in each category

For Tuesday's class, be sure to bring a copy of the internet article and any other pages from the website that you use in finding information related to the four categories you've investigated.

Worksheet for Evaluating Web Pages: Title \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_  
 URL \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Yes/No/Maybe	Examples/Illustration from article and where found
<b>Current?</b> What is the date of the article or the website's most recent revision/update?		
<b>Useful? Relevant?</b> What kind of information is included? What is the match between the info. in the article and the info. your paper requires?		
<b>Authority? Credibility?</b> Who is the author? Who else is responsible for the site, a nonprofit, a gov. body, a company, an educational institution, an individual? What does the author and/or the others responsible tell you about him/herself/themselves? What about the quality of information in the article/site—sources acknowledged, logic of argument, reputable links, etc.?		
<b>Bias?</b> Is the sponsoring body selling something related to the topic? Does the article represent one point of view? Does the article or site link to alternative points of view? What is not said that could be said?		