



Evaluate Sources and Information

Directions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. The terms contemporary and up-to-date refer to:

- (A) Coverage
- (B) Accuracy
- (C) Objectivity
- (D) Currency
- (E) Authority

2. Why is it important to evaluate a website's currency?

- (A) Old information could be incomplete and/or incorrect.
- (B) If the site is free, the information will likely be biased.
- (C) If you can't find the date, MLA and APA rules do not allow you to use the information.
- (D) Doing so keeps you up-to-date on technology trends.

3. You are doing a project on income versus expenditures in city government. You hear that your city spent 3 million dollars on snow removal last year, and you want to use this information in your PowerPoint presentation. What should you do to verify that this information is correct?

- (A) Call a neighbor.
- (B) Ask your parent or guardian.
- (C) Call the police department.
- (D) Call the city treasurer.

4. Read the excerpt below that comes from a travel industry magazine:

Deputy Director Hill of Horseshoe Cruise Line stated the following about the mysterious illness aboard the 900-person cruise ship Royal Lady, "Including crew and guests, we believe that 766 passengers are presently ill. That is certainly not an epidemic. In fact, there is no reason to believe that this illness has anything to do with the food or facilities."

Does this excerpt illustrate fact, opinion, or bias?

- (A) Fact
- (B) Opinion
- (C) Bias

5. Your group has selected the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska as a research topic. As you are researching, you read a fantastic quote attributed to attorney Paul Achitoff of Earthjustice. What should be your next step?
- Ⓐ Discuss the appropriateness of the quote with the members of your group.
 - Ⓑ Verify that the attorney works for Earthjustice and learn more about the organization.
 - Ⓒ Use the quote in your group's research project because the quote supports the group's argument.
6. You are responsible for writing a paper on the production of electricity in your state. Which resource is most likely to have objective information:
- Ⓐ www.freetheplanet.org
 - Ⓑ The electric company that sets the rate for your electricity
 - Ⓒ *The Greenworks Gazette*
 - Ⓓ A coal company in your state
 - Ⓔ The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov)
7. You need to find reliable information about treatments available for headaches and plan to use an article from the periodical *Pain-Free Living* as your source. What is the most important thing to think about as you decide whether or not this is a reliable resource?
- Ⓐ How current is the periodical?
 - Ⓑ What experience does the author of the article have?
 - Ⓒ Who publishes the periodical?
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. When you evaluate a website's coverage, which of the following do you not examine?
- Ⓐ The depth of the material
 - Ⓑ If the website offers information that is not found in other websites or print sources
 - Ⓒ Who created the website, including his/her background (credentials)
 - Ⓓ If the links are relevant to the topic
9. Which of the following is the best criterion to use when evaluating a website?
- Ⓐ The website is produced by a government agency or university.
 - Ⓑ The website is recommended by my friends
 - Ⓒ The website is listed at the top of a Google search.
 - Ⓓ The website is cited by *Wikipedia*.

10. “Most disturbing of all, some researchers want to use cloning to create human beings solely for experimentation and destruction. They propose to supply genetically matched tissues for treating various diseases by making human embryos from patients’ body cells, then dissecting these developing embryos for their “spare parts.” Some even speak of growing genetically altered “headless” or “brainless” human clones as organ farms.”

You want to use this information in your research paper on cloning. What is your next step?

- Ⓐ Verify the accuracy of the information.
- Ⓑ Write your paper.
- Ⓒ Plan your search strategy.
- Ⓓ Define your topic.



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1. D
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. E
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. A