

INTERNET AS AN INFORMATION SOURCE

Use a search engine to find information on the Internet using the following search term:

How many pages were found? _____

Make the following assessments of the first ten pages according to the DARTS checklist (DARTS is an acronym of the words Date, Author, References, Type and Sponsor):

1. Date: Is the information up-to-date?

2. Author: Who is the author of the text? Is he or she a qualified expert in his or her field?

3. References: Does the site tell you what its information is based on? Can the references be traced easily?

4. Type: What is the purpose of the text? Is it an advertisement, an opinion piece, or does it seek to provide objective information?

5. Sponsor: Who finances the page? A sponsor might have an effect on the point of view of the site.

Also consider:

To whom is the website targeted?

What is the main message of the website?

Which of the websites you found are reliable?
