

Does Your Website Pass The Test?

C - Currency: The *timeliness* of the information

- ☐ How recent is the information?
- ☐ Can you locate a date when the resource was written/created/updated?
- ☐ Based on your topic, is the information current enough?
- ☐ Why might the date matter for your topic?

R - Reliability: The *value* of information

- ☐ What kind of information is included in the resource?
- ☐ Is the content primarily opinion?
- ☐ Is the information **balanced** or **biased**?
- ☐ Does the author provide citations and references?

A - Authority: The *source* of information

- ☐ Can you determine who the author/creator is?
- ☐ What are the author's credentials (education, affiliation, experience, etc.)?
- ☐ Who is the publisher or sponsor of the source/website?

P - Purpose: The *reason* the information exists

- ☐ What is the intent of the article? To sell? Entertain? Inform? Persuade?
- ☐ What is the domain (.edu, .com, etc.)? How might that influence the purpose/point of view?
- ☐ Does the author clearly state their intention or purpose?
- ☐ Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- ☐ Are there ads on the website or in the resource? If so, how do they relate to the topic being covered?