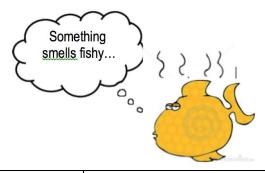
## The CARP Test

## Evaluate websites for Currency, Authority, Reliability and Purpose



		Website Evaluation Practice
Questions to Consider	My Notes	URL:
<ul> <li>Currency: How recent is the information?</li> <li>When was the information published or posted?</li> <li>Has the information been updated?</li> <li>Does your topic need recent information, or will older sources work as well?</li> <li>Are the links working?</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Author/ Authority: Does the info come from experts?</li> <li>Who is the author/publisher/ sponsor?</li> <li>Is the author expert enough to write on the topic? Google him/her!</li> <li>Is there contact information?</li> <li>Does the URL give clues? e.gcom .edu .gov</li> <li>Reliability: Is the information accurate and unbiased?</li> <li>Is the information supported by evidence?</li> <li>Can you verify any of the information in another source or from personal</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>knowledge?</li> <li>Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?</li> <li>Are there spelling, grammar or typo errors?</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Purpose: The reason the information exists.</li> <li>What is the purpose of the site? Is it to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade?</li> <li>Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?</li> <li>Is the information fact, opinion or propaganda?</li> <li>Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?</li> <li>Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?</li> </ul>		