The CARP Test

Evaluate websites for Currency, Authority, Reliability and Purpose

Something smells fishy…

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