

Why are reliable sources important in research?

Why might published books be a more reliable source of information than a website?

Why might certain websites be a more reliable source of information than a book?

What are the benefits of Wikipedia?

What are the problems with Wikipedia?

## BMS LIBRARY MEDIA ACES WEBSITE EVALUATION

A way to score a website's quality: 0 points (can't tell or no), 1 point (some information), 2 points (solid yes).

		<b>POINTS (0-2)</b>
<b>A</b> CCURATE	Does the info on the site align with key facts from other sources?	_____
	Does the writing and language seem unbiased - fact not fiction?	_____
<b>C</b> URRENT	Is the information on the site up-to-date for your topic?	_____
	Can you find when the site was created or updated?	_____
<b>E</b> ASE OF USE	Is the information relevant for your topic?	_____
	Is the reading level right for you?	_____
<b>S</b> ITUATION	Is the site's situation to inform and teach? (not to sell, entertain or persuade - edu, org, gov vs. com).	_____
	Does the site's links work and if so, do they seem reliable?	_____
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<b>S</b> UPPORT	Does the author or organization seem qualified to write about the topic? Is there a reason the author is writing about it?	_____
	Are you able to contact the author or site?	_____
	<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	_____
<b>SCORE KEY:</b>	15 - 20 points: EXCELLENT SOURCE	
	10 - 14 points: ACCEPTABLE SOURCE	
	9 or less points: NOT A RELIABLE SOURCE	

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