



Credible Sources





What are Credible Sources?

- ◆ Information is provided by people that know their stuff.
- ◆ People that write the information are considered experts.
- ◆ The information has been confirmed by other experts in the field.



Examples of Credible Sources

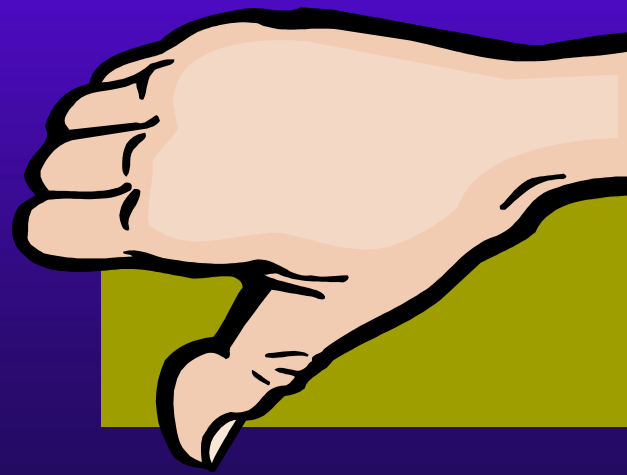
- ◆ Encyclopedia
- ◆ Dictionary
- ◆ Professional Journals





Examples of Non-Credible Sources

- ◆ Wikipedia
- ◆ Most Personal Web Pages
- ◆ Gossip Magazines





Using the Internet for Research

- ◆ Start at encyclopedia sites
 - World Book Online
 - Britannica Online



Determining Credible Site

◆ Look for:

- Look for a personal name (e.g., *jbarker* or *barker*) following a tilde (~)
- A percent sign (%)
- Or the words "users," "members," or "people."



Determining a Credible Site

- ◆ Look in the URL for:
 - Is the server a commercial ISP* or other provider mostly of web page hosting (aol.com, Facebook, MySpace, hawaii.rr.com)?



Determining a Credible Site

- ◆ http://www2.hawaii.edu/~jtittle/handoutspage1_07.htm
- ◆ http://www.myspace.com/mcktingersb_ball/



Determining a Credible Site

- ◆ Look at the domain
 - Government: .gov, .mil, .us
 - Educational: .edu
 - Non-profit: .org
 - Commercial: .com, .tv, .biz



Determining a Credible Site

- ◆ Look at the design
 - Flashy graphics and advertisements
 - Shocking statements
 - A lot of advertising (pop-ups)



Determining a Credible Author

- ◆ The burden is on you to find information on the author!
- ◆ Do a Google search on the author if unsure about credibility