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Fact checking tips from Suffolk Libraries



WHO?

Who wrote the article and who published it? Look at the 'About' page and then search online and see what you can find out about them.

WHEN?

What date was the last update posted? Use the most up-to-date information that you can find.

WHERE?

Who else is saying it? Can you find the same information from another, unrelated source?

WHY?

Does the article appear to be pushing a particular point of view? You need the whole story.

Reliable information should be **ACCURATE, UP TO-DATE, VERIFIABLE** and **UNBIASED**.

Using the internet for homework?

Search engines can provide a useful overview of a subject but you may have to try several combinations of keywords to get the information you need and always fact-check your results.

Wikipedia is a great place to start but it relies on its readers to identify inaccuracies.

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