


## WHERE DID YOU GET THAT????

Everyone should be careful when they use information from any source, especially the Internet. You are in college now and should choose the sources you use for any project, paper, or other assignment carefully. Question everything you read, see, or hear! This worksheet may help you when you are selecting your resources.

Remember to give credit to the author or maker of any information, idea, creation, or concept you use in your writing or other projects. This includes things like pictures, songs, or other artistic endeavors. The lawful, ethical use of information will help to prevent you from unintentionally committing plagiarism.

EVALUATING INTERNET WEBSITES ANY SOURCE!	
	<p>Remember: Anyone can put anything about anything on the Internet with few restrictions, evaluation, or review. The more of these questions you can answer with detailed information, the more reliable the website. Know the <b>site</b> before you <b>cite</b>!!! And while Wikipedia may be useful in some ways, it is <u>never</u>, <u>ever</u> a reliable place to do research.</p>
1.	<p><b>WHO</b> is the author of the information? <i>WHO is the publisher, host, sponsor, or supporting body of the information, in whatever form?</i></p>
2.	<p><b>WHY</b> was the work created? <i>Does it have a specific purpose? Is it relevant to your needs? Does it show bias or slant? Is it trying to sell you on a product or an idea?</i></p>
3.	<p><b>WHAT</b> does the publisher or the URL tell you about the work? <i>Can you find comparable information within other resources?</i></p>
4.	<p><b>HOW</b> credible is the source? <i>WHO is accountable for the content? Is it scholarly? Is there a bibliography in the article or book? If it is a website, are there links to other sites?</i></p>
5.	<p><b>WHEN</b> was the work created? <i>What is the publication or copyright date? If it is a website, how often is it updated?</i></p>
6.	<p><b>WHERE</b> can you find more information about the publication? <i>Is there an e-mail or street address you can contact?</i></p>

Keep in mind TRAAP: Time, Relevance, Accuracy, Authority, and Purpose