



# Rating Websites

Grade 5 Lesson

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# Essential Questions

- How do I know if a website is good and reliable source of information?
- How do I know if a website will be useful for my research needs?

# Learning Objectives/Outcomes

- You will be able to identify a good website using the 5 components of website evaluation.
- You will be able to identify if a website is helpful for a specific topic.

# Website Evaluation

## Authority

- Who is responsible for the site?
- Does the information come from a credible source?
- Example:
  - Doctors create medical websites

## Currency

- Is the site up to date?
- Example:
  - The copyright or last update

## Purpose

- Why is the site on the internet?
- What information does it provide?
- Example:
  - JiJi (ST math) is meant to help you on math.

## Audience


- Who did they create this website for?
- Examples:
  - Adults
  - Teens
  - Students
  - Parents
  - Dog owners

## Structure

- Is the website easy to use?
- Is it easy to find what you need?
- Examples:
  - Useful heading or titles
  - Search index

# Your turn

- Let's take a look at the following website. It is an example of a good website:
  - What makes it a good website?
  - Complete the tree map to answer the question.
  - [www.kidsplanet.org/](http://www.kidsplanet.org/)



Knowing how to identify a good website can help you conduct your own research.

Not only do you have to find a good website, you also have to make sure it has sufficient information about your topic.

# Scenario

- Your teacher asked you to do a research project on the American Revolution. She tells you to go to the computer lab and find one website that can be useful for your project. You find the following websites. You should decide whether the websites are good and relevant for your research.
  - [Ducksters website](#)
  - [KidsKonnnect website](#)

# Ticket out the Door

- Answer the following question on a Post-it note:
  - Would you use this website to do your research? Justify your reasoning. (Hint: Use the 5 components of website evaluations)
- [KidInfo Website](#)