

Using Internet Sources

Since anyone can create a website, it's important to critically examine all internet sources to determine if they are appropriate for college-level work.

1. Look at the following websites on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. **The Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute**

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/>

2. **Martin Luther King Jr. A True Historical Examination**

<http://www.martinlutherking.org/>

3. **Timeline of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

<http://www.pocanticohills.org/taverna/98/king.htm>

4. **The Seattle Times: Martin Luther King Jr.**

<http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/mlk/>

2. Answer the questions on the back of this paper for each website listed above. This will help you to examine the quality and usefulness of these websites. Then write "Yes" next to the websites that you feel would be appropriate sourced for a college-level research paper, and "No" next to the inappropriate websites.

3. Next, look at these websites. Based on your work, do you think they are reliable? Write "Yes" or "No".

Save the Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus

<http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus/>

World Trade Organization

<http://www.gatt.org/>

McWhortle Enterprises, Inc.

<http://www.mcwhortle.com/>

White House

<http://www.whitehouse.org/>

RYT Hospital – Dwayne Medical Center

<http://www.rythospital.com/>

Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division

<http://www.dhmo.org/>

- Who created the website? (author credentials and qualifications)

- What is the mission of the group sponsoring the website? What is its purpose?

- Do the authors have any bias regarding the topic? Are opinions presented as facts?

- Can you rely on the accuracy of the information presented?

- Is there supporting information (footnotes, etc.) to back up the author's claims?
