**Website Evaluation (from BrainPop)**

**When deciding whether a website is trustworthy, ask these questions:**

1. Who is the **PUBLISHER??**
   1. Check the URL (ex: .gov or .edu)
   2. Look for "About Us" or something similar
2. Who is the **AUTHOR??**
   1. Look for name, contact info, biographical info (might need to do another search to find this)
3. Is this source **BIASED**??
   1. Avoid sites that are clearly opinions more than facts
   2. Look for "About Us" or something similar
4. Is this source **IN-DEPTH??**
   1. Does it give you enough information? (it doesn't have to have answers to EVERY question, though)
   2. Does it have links to other sources?
5. Is the source **ACCURATE??**
   1. If the information seems unusual, be sure to cross-check with another source (Is the sky really green???)
6. Is the source **UP-TO-DATE??**
   1. Look for dates that tell you when the website was created and/or revised
   2. Watch out for link rot!



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|  | Website #1: National Geographic |
| Publisher? |  |
| Author? |  |
| Biased? |  |
| In-depth? |  |
| Accurate? |  |
| Up-to-date |  |

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|  | Website #2: Zapatopi |
| Publisher? |  |
| Author? |  |
| Biased? |  |
| In-depth? |  |
| Accurate? |  |
| Up-to-date |  |