

RESEARCH CONCEPTS & PRACTICE

Evaluating and Citing Web Documents

50 points In-Class/Group Work/ Homework

1. IN CLASS GROUP WORK: Each of the three web documents below must be thoroughly evaluated using the ABCs of evaluation, and then properly cited in MLA format. To guide you in this task, a worksheet is attached for each Web document. You can link directly to these documents from the course web page.

<http://files.kff.org/attachment/key-facts-about-the-uninsured-population-fact-sheet>

<http://www.path.berkeley.edu/PATH/Publications/PDF/PRR/2010/PRR-2010-33.pdf>

<http://www.aecf.org/~media/Pubs/Topics/Education/Other/DoubleJeopardyHowThirdGradeReadingSkillsandPoverty/DoubleJeopardyReport040511FINAL.pdf>

2. Using any search techniques currently at your disposal, go out onto the Web and locate TWO HIGH-QUALITY, ACADEMICALLY APPROPRIATE web documents on your topic. Make sure you thoroughly evaluate your documents in terms of authority, bias, and currency. Fill out the evaluation worksheets for the documents, then cite them in MLA format. Add these citations to the Works Cited list you completed for the above documents.
3. Your MLA Works Cited list must contain the three Web Documents I've asked you to evaluate, plus the two documents you find on your topic. Obey all MLA conventions, including alphabetization, line spacing, page numbering, capitalization, indentation, etc. General MLA rules for Web documents are printed below:

Don't forget to attach your Works Cited listed with all five Web documents!!!

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Who authored the information? Name of personal author (if listed) and/or organization	
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Are sources well documented? Are sources cited? Is there a bibliography? Are graphs/charts labeled?	
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What is the purpose of the site? Persuade, inform, sell?	
Can you identify a bias? If yes, describe the nature of the bias.	
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