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Empowering Students to Find Evidence

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HELLO!

Hi! I'm Amanda Izenstark

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Why?

- “Fake News” isn’t new
- Misinformation isn’t new
- What form will it take in the future?
 - Manipulations of spoken words? See “Computer Scientists Demonstrate The Potential For Faking Video”
<http://www.npr.org/sections/alltechconsidered/2017/07/14/537154304/computer-scientists-demonstrate-the-potential-for-faking-video>
 - *Who knows?*



What Clues Do We Use?



Let's Try

TOOLS NEEDED

- ❑ Worksheet
- ❑ Writing Utensil
- ❑ Materials to Evaluate, such as
 - ❑ Websites
 - ❑ Books
 - ❑ Articles

METHOD

Find a partner and brainstorm what clues you might use to evaluate the quality of a website.

Enter your clue in the first column.

Leave the second column blank.



Let's Share



Alternatives

OTHER STRATEGIES

BEAM

Background

Exhibit (Evidence)

Argument

Methods

Joseph Bizup, Boston U.

CRAAP

Currency

Relevance

Accuracy

Authority

Purpose

Librarians @ Meriam
Library, CSU Northridge

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ADAPTATIONS: CONTENT

CONTENT

- Websites
 - All “good” websites?
 - Mixture of quality?
- Books
- Articles

- Students select their own materials?

2

ADAPTATIONS: AGES

AGES

Middle School

High School

3

ADAPTATIONS: DELIVERY

Clue Collaboration

In class =
more bonding;
active learning

Outside of class =
easy to find criteria
lists online

Evaluation

In class =
Support from instructor
for those hard calls

Outside of class =
Build evaluation skills in
one's "native environment"

THANKS!

Any questions?

You can also find me at
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