When evaluating a website, ask yourself these questions:

**READ the URL**
1. Do you recognize the domain name?
2. What is the extension in the domain name?
3. Are you on a personal page? E.g. do you see the words “users”, “people”, “members”, a name, a % or ~ sign?

**EXAMINE the content**
1. Is the information on the site helpful?
2. Can you tell when the site was last updated? Is it up to date?
3. Is the information correct? Are the facts different from information you have found elsewhere?
4. Does the site have references? Links to other resources?

**ASK about the author**
1. Is the author’s name provided?
2. Is there contact information for the author?
3. Is there biographical information provided about the author? Credentials?
4. Is the author an expert in the field?
5. Do you find information about this author if you do a search for his/her name?
6. Who owns the page?

**LOOK at the links**
1. Do the links on the page work?
2. If you hover over the links, what are the URLs? Do the domain names change? Is the author linking only to his/her own work?

Based on Alan November’s “Get REAL” method in Web Literacy for Educators.