



Internet Research Checklist

Ask yourself these questions
while you're searching for
information online

About the PUBLISHER

The person or group running the website



Check the domain - what are the letters that come after the last dot in the address?

- ✓ .gov → government website
- ✓ .edu → college or university
- || .com/.org/.net → open to anyone
(be sure to check these sources)



Look for an About Page - statement about the editor or publisher

- Who are they?
- What is their point of view?



Look for sponsors - the people or organizations paying for the site

- What goals are they trying to accomplish?

About the AUTHOR

The person writing the information on the website



Look for their biography - a paragraph explaining the author's background

- Are they an expert in the topic?



If you cannot find an author, do extra digging!

- Was it written by a group of people or an organization with a goal?

About the CONTENT

The information on the website



Determine the goal

- What is their point of view?



Look for the sources

- Where do the facts originally come from?



Find the date the content was published

- Is it recent?
- Is the content still relevant?