



# Internet Research Checklist

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

## 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 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 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?