How can you determine if you have a "good" website?
Assess the following:

**AUTHORITY and ACCURACY**
- Who publishes the website? Is this a well-known or respected institution?
- Is there contact information for authors of the website content? What is their background or credentials?
- Is it a commercial site (.com), a government site (.gov), an educational site (.edu), a non-profit or other organization (.org)? How does this affect the information presented?
- Do other reliable sites link to this one?
- Are facts, ideas or references credible and backed up by citations to the original sources?

**PURPOSE and OBJECTIVITY**
- What is the purpose of this site: to sell, inform, entertain or persuade?
- Who sponsors this website? What is their agenda or goal?
- For what audience is this site written?
- Is there advertising on the site? Does this influence information found on the site?
- Are arguments well-reasoned and supported?

**CURRENCY**
- Is the information on the page up-to-date?
- Is the page updated regularly?
- Are there dead links?

**RELEVANCE**
- What is the source's thesis? (According to the author, _____________.)
- How does the thesis develop, support, or refute your topic? (I learned __________ about my topic as a result of reading this source.)
- Does this source present explicit bias? If so, how does this source's perspective develop your topic?