



Finding reliable websites is as easy as...



Authority

What makes the author qualified to present information on this topic? Can you determine who the author is?

### How to check authority

- Check the "About" section of the website
- If an author is listed, Google him or her to determine education background and other factors that contribute to the author's knowledge on the topic.
- If no author is listed, locate the publisher or entity who created the site. Google it to determine the nature of the organization.
- Do a link search.
- Go to <a href="www.alexa.com">www.alexa.com</a> and enter the web address in the search field. You will be provided with all sorts of info about the site and who uses the site.



### Timeliness

Is the site kept up-to-date? Is it modified frequently enough to keep up with new developments in the field?

#### How to check timeliness

- Examine the top, bottom, and sides of the page for the date it was last updated
- If there is no last updated date, look for a copyright date
- If the page you are using is part of a larger website, go to the home page and look for a date.

## Accuracy

Does the information on the site fit with what you have learned elsewhere? Are conventions correct? Is it well-written and clear?



### How to check accuracy

- Use your prior knowledge—does the information in the site match with what you already know?
- Compare the information with that of other sources—spot check names and dates, for example.

# Coverage

Does the site go into enough depth to provide a clear understanding of the topic in its many forms? Does it cover the information you need?



# **Objectivity**

Does the site present multiple perspectives on the topic? Who is its sponsor and what goals might the sponsor have? What kind of advertising is present?



#### Scan this QR code with your iPad using I-Nigma:



Your teacher has asked you to research the history of robotics. Will you use this site? Why or why not? (use A-TACO to support your answer)



**Evaluate the 2 sites below.** 

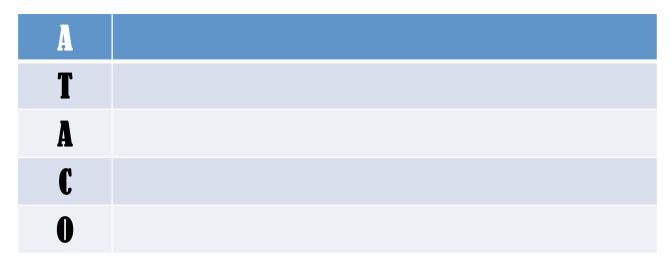
Would you use either, both, or neither of the sites for an assigned research project? Why or why not? Use A-TACO to explain your answer.







### Prove you can use it!



- 1. Find one excellent websites to use for research on MLK or the civil rights movement.
- 2. Create a document using PAGES (with a correct MLA heading) in which you explain each of the elements of A-TACO in detail for each of the 2 websites you select (use the table above as a guide.)
- 3. Include the name of the website and the URL
- 4. Write a sentence or two explaining why you will use each of the sources.
- 5. Email the sharing link to me at:

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