WEBSITE RELIABILITY CHECK: NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Look at the information found on the website. Do you think the information is reliable?**

1. **WHICH SITE WOULD YOU TRUST? a. b. a. & b.**

a. <http://www.holistic-online.com/remedies/arthritis/arth_ayurveda.htm>

b. <http://www.hss.edu/conditions_the-surgical-treatment-of-rheumatoid-arthritis.asp>

2. **They can’t fool you! Or can they?**

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| <http://www.mystique.net/cybertan.htm> | <http://www.nasa.gov/> | <http://www.petroldirect.com/> | <http://mudskippers.org/> | <http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2013/04/04/176182150/50-years-of-potato-chip-innovation-in-5-animated-gifs> |
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| Is the source reputable?  Is there an author?  Author’s credentials?? | Is the source reputable?  Is there an author?  Author’s credentials?? | Is the source reputable?  Is there an author?  Author’s credentials?? | Is the source reputable?  Is there an author?  Author’s credentials?? | Is the source reputable?  Is there an author?  Author’s credentials?? |
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AUTHORSHIP TIPS:

\* Do a Google/Bing/… search of the author or organization…

If results show colleges, books published, professional articles published, well-known and respected organizations = USE THIS SOURCE

If results show only the website

CURRENCY TIPS (How up-to-date is the website?)

\*Check the TOP and BOTTOM of the website for a DATE or LAST UPDATED

\*If there is no date… Use the WAY BACK MACHINE to check currency at <https://archive.org/>

WARNING SIGNS:

\*Is the site trying to sell you something? Don’t trust it for research purposes.

QUICK TIPS… Do I trust my *grade* to this source??

1. For the BEST results… look for sites these URL’s: **.edu, .gov , .mil.**

Thesesites are worthy of your trust… USE THEM.

2. If the source URL (website name) is **.biz, .co, .me RUNNNNNN!!**

The site is **not** worthy of your trust… DO NOT use them.

3. If the source URL (website name) is **.org, .com, .net, .htm, .info** check the site further before using it…… (To avoid the extra work… go back to Tip #1)

\* Is the author or organization reputable (trustworthy and knowledgeable)?

\* Is the information current?

\* Does the site have a strong bias? Is it trying to sell something?

Does it support only one point of view?