

## **Student Voices: Evaluating Online Sources (Group 1)**

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[00:00:00.50] When I'm looking for online sources, I search through all these websites. But I only go to ones that have dot.org, dot.edu, dot.gov. And some of those, some of the dot.govs and the edus, aren't always reliable either. So you have to narrow them down, you have to find the sources, and you have to make sure they're reliable before you can use them. It's a lot harder to find a reliable source on the internet than it is to find it in a book.

[00:00:27.54] I try to go to websites that have a reliable author, like someone who may be a teacher at a major university. But I try to avoid different websites that anybody can post anything on, like a Wikipedia, where a normal person can just put their views and opinions on such subjects.

[00:00:45.19] Well as far as using online resources for research, I give everyone a fair shot. That doesn't mean I take everything everyone says at face value, but I can have a conversation with someone and they can be very insightful. So I figure that as it's true of being online too. So I may read a Wikipedia site or maybe Yahoo Answers. But I take it with a grain of salt.

[00:01:11.85] So if I read something more credible, like at a university website-- maybe a professor posted something-- versus something that just the general public posted, if they coincide, and I think, OK, well let me see what their view was on this. But if it doesn't and they're just totally out in left field, then I eliminate it. I just don't use that resource. Well, not the resource. That particular input, I don't. So I just had to weed through it.