

Credible Web Site Authorities?

How credible is each source for the research topic?

	Credibility Rating	Reasons for Rating
<p>Research Topic: lung cancer</p> <p>Source of Information: a Web site created by the tobacco industry</p>	<p>No credibility High credibility</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Research Topic: requirements for attending University of Toronto next fall</p> <p>Source of Information: a University of Toronto Web site created in 1994</p>	<p>No credibility High credibility</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Research Topic: Canada's Olympians</p> <p>Source of Information: a Web site created by the Canadian Olympic Association</p>	<p>No credibility High credibility</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Research Topic: global warming (for a Science project)</p> <p>Source of Information: a Web site created by a Grade 7 class</p>	<p>No credibility High credibility</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4 5</p>	
<p>Research Topic: what type of car to purchase</p> <p>Source of Information: a Web site created by Nissan</p>	<p>No credibility High credibility</p> <p>0 1 2 3 4 5</p>	

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