INTERNET AS AN INFORMATION SOURCE

Use a search engine to find information on the Internet using the following search term:

How many pages were found?

Make the following assessments of the first ten pages according to the DARTS checklist (DARTS is an acronym of the words Date, Author, References, Type and Sponsor):

1. Date: Is the information up-to-date?

2. Author: Who is the author of the text? Is he or she a qualified expert in his or her field?

3. References: Does the site tell you what its information is based on? Can the references be traced easily?

4. Type: What is the purpose of the text? Is it an advertisement, an opinion piece, or does it seek to provide objective information?

5. Sponsor: Who finances the page? A sponsor might have an effect on the point of view of the site.

Also consider:

To whom is the website targeted?

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What is the main message of the website?

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Which of the websites you found are reliable?

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