

# Evaluating Web Sites

Finding the good stuff  
in a web of deceit.



# What to Look For

- Authority
- Objective
- Bias
- Contact
- Reference
- Publication and updates



# Authority

- Who wrote this?
- Does this person have professional knowledge of the subject?
- Did the person site other resources to write the information?
- Is there biographical information on the author?



# Objective

- What is the purpose of this site?
- Is it trying to sell you something?
- Is the site backed by an organization?
- Is this someone's personal .com site?
  - ~
  - %
  - Sequences of #'s



# Bias

- What is the point of view of the site?
- Is this site one sided?
- Is it only giving one side of the facts?
- Who is providing the point of view?
- What will they gain from spreading this information?



# Reference

- Do other sites link to this site?
- Are the links provided on this site live and relevant to the topic?
- Is there a bibliography?



# Contact

- Are you able to contact the person or company that provided this site?
- Is the person providing the information part of the sponsoring organization?



# Publication and Updates

- When was this site first published?
- Has it been updated recently?





# Is this a good site?

Martin Luther King Jr. - A True Historical Examination - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://www.martinlutherking.org/

Getting Started Latest Headlines


mywebsearch Search Highlight 44° Forecast --/42°

## [Attention Students: Try our MLK Pop Quiz](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
A True Historical Examination

That night King retired to his room at the Willard Hotel. There FBI bugs reportedly picked up 14 hours of party chatter, the clinking of glasses and the sounds of illicit sex - including King's cries of "I'm f--ing for God" and "I'm not a Negro tonight!"

Newsweek Magazine  
January 19, 1998  
Page 62



[Historical Writings](#)  
Essays, Sermons, Speeches & More

[Truth About King](#)  
Who He Fought and Fought For

[Death of the Dream](#)  
The Day King Was Shot


[The King Holiday](#)  
Bring the Dream to Life

[Civil Rights Library](#)  
History of People and Events

[Jews & Civil Rights](#)  
Who Led The Civil Rights Movement

[Suggested Books](#)  
The Life and Work of King

[Rap lyrics - New!](#)



New MLK Video:  
[The Brothas' Be Peaceful In Da' Hood](#)

[Why the King Holiday Should be Repealed!](#)

[Black Invention Myths](#)

Read sjc-static14.sjc.youtube.com

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# Now what do you think?

- Would a site created by a hate group be a good place to get information on Martin Luther King



# Wikipedia

- “The structure of the project allows anyone with an Internet connection to alter its content. Please be advised that nothing found here has necessarily been reviewed by people with the expertise required to provide you with complete, accurate or reliable information.”



# Good Search Engine

- [School.nettrekker.com](http://School.nettrekker.com)
  - bps301
  - student
- Teacher and student evaluated web sites.



# Google Searching

- Put phrases in quotes.
- Use the Advance search option to combine terms
- Search by site type (org, edu, gov...)
  - site:org

