



Music 100
Evaluating Web Resources
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*Using internet sites for research requires a careful judgment of the site's accuracy, authority of the author, and the date of document that you are viewing. If you are looking for quality sites, try using either the **Librarian's Internet Index** or **Internet Public Library**. These are directories of sites that have been evaluated by librarians.*

Using the Google search engine, input the following site title within quotation marks as written here: "**A Jazz Improvisation Primer**." Scroll through it a bit, try out some of the links, and answer these questions:

What is the **complete URL (www address)** of the site:

What is the **title** of the **web document** (the web page) you are viewing:

List the **sponsoring agency of the website** that is hosting the document you are viewing:

What is the **date of the web document** that you are viewing:

Who is the **author** of the document and what are his **credentials** (you may need to hunt a little on the site to find credentials):



(turn over for next search →)

Open the **Google** search engine (www.google.com) or another search engine of your choice. Search for a website that will be useful in researching a topic for a paper for this class. Remember that you can use **Boolean operators** (~, **OR**, “ ”) to help refine your search. You can also use the **Advanced Search** feature of your search engine. From your result list, **choose one site that you might include in your bibliography**. Answer the questions below to analyze the website for its content.



What is the **URL** of the website:

What is the **name of the document** that you are viewing:

What is the **title of the website** on which you found the document that you are viewing:

Who/what is the overall **sponsoring agency for the website** (in other words, who is responsible for the content of the whole website, not just this document):

What is the **purpose** of the web document (or who is the **intended audience**):

What is the **ending domain tag** for this site (.com, .org, .edu, .net, etc.):
What does it tell you about the site:

Who is the **author** of the document you are reading and what are his/her **qualifications**:

What is the date of this **web document**:

Is **contact information** given for you to reach the author of the site or the document you are viewing:

Would you use this site as a **resource for your paper** for this class? Why or why not:

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