

Teaching Students to Evaluate Websites Planning Guide

30 minute lesson	How might I adapt this for use with my students?
Session One: The teacher leads the class in a	
discussion about the trustworthiness of the	
information on the Internet. Then, the teacher	
introduces the "WWW" parts of the	
framework through direct instruction,	
providing examples and concrete information	
(e.g. where to find the "last-updated" date)	
(e.g. where to find the fast-updated date)	
Session Two: The teacher reviews "WWW"	
and introduces the "DOT" components. The	
teacher then has students review all six	
components by pulling up a hoax site (the	
authors give the example of a website about a	
"tree octopus") and leading the class in a	
discussion.	
Session Three: The teacher provides each	
student with a WWWDOT worksheet and has	
them use it to analyze three different websites	
on the same topic (in this case, the	
Underground Railroad)	
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Session Four: The teacher leads the class in a	
discussion/debate about which website was	
the most trustworthy and which was the least	
trustworthy, prompting students to use	
evidence from the WWW framework.	