Finding Credible Websites using Google

Your group’s task is to demonstrate how to find credible websites using Google to your classmates in 7 minutes or less. Assume that your classmates in the other groups know absolutely nothing about determining whether a website is credible or not. Tell them everything they need to know about determining a website’s credibility that you can. Don’t worry! You have the questions on this sheet to help guide you and Amanda will be around to help.

Go to Google and do a search for Maya Angelou. How many results do you get?

Tell us a little bit about the first five results that you get. Do any of them look credible? Which ones and why?

What kinds of questions should you ask about a website to determine its credibility? (Hint: Go to the “Evaluating Sources” tab of the Comp 2 LibGuide—http://pitt.libguides.com/upgcomp2—to help with this.)

Which website domains tend to be more credible than others? Does this mean that you can’t use the other kinds? (Hint: Use the Evaluating Web Resources worksheet link on the Comp 2 LibGuide.)

How can you tell Google that you only want to search for websites with certain kinds of domains, like .edu? Show us how to do this.

Pick a website that you found using Google and tell us why it would be a good website to use for this assignment.

Did you find any websites that were really bad? What made you think that they weren’t credible?