The P.A.R.C. Method

For evaluating resources

The world of information is complicated. Very complicated. Is this article by a professor or some dude? Is this Website for real? In college, you’ll need trusted resources for your assignments and papers, so our librarians devised these elements to help you verify. They can apply to all things print and online. Find PARC Method exercises on our My Mount Mary page.

**PURPOSE**
What is the function of the resource?
Who is its audience?
Is it profit-oriented?

**ACCURACY/AUTHORITY**
Who is the author?
What are his/her credentials? Is it self-published?

**RELIABILITY/RELEVANCY**
Does it provide useful, relevant information for your topic? Are there signs of bias? If so, is it still worthwhile?

**CURRENCY**
How timely is the resource? Is the age likely to affect the information provided? Can you find anything more current?

For extended help or questions, please see a librarian.