Evaluating Sources

★ You found a source.
★ You read the source.
★ You understand what's in it.

★ But have you thought about where it came from?

Internet Sources
★ All sources should be evaluated...
★ ...However sources from the Internet often require extra scrutiny

★ Who wrote it?
★ Why did they write it?
★ What caused them to share it?
★ Where did their information come from?
★ When was it written?
★ How do YOU know if you can trust it?

Apply the CRAAP Test!
★ C = Currency
  How recent is the info?
★ R = Relevance
  Does it apply to your research?
★ A = Authority
  Is the author reliable?
★ A = Accuracy
  Is the information trustworthy?
★ P = Purpose
  Why was it published?

Places to Start for Authoritative Online Information
★ Google Books (www.google.com/books)
★ Google Scholar (www.google.com/scholar)
★ Scirus (www.scirus.com) - Science Information Only
★ USA.gov (www.usa.gov)
★ Encyclopaedia Britannica (www.britannica.com)

And, of course...
★ Beeghly Library Databases (http://www.juniata.edu/services/library/databases.html)