

## Dinosaur Web Quest

### Step 1

#### Notes

- Read the URL, look for a personal name, a (~) sign, a percent sign (%), or words like student/member.
- Look at the domain, is it: [.gov](#) , [.mil](#) (government), [.edu](#) (education), [.org](#) (Nonprofit organization) .
- Look for the name of the author/ organization.
- Is the page from a person's point of view or is it a true fact.
- Where did the author get the information, look for references.
- Is it retyped by someone else?
- Do the links work? Are there a lot of them? What do they say?
- Is the site humorous or exaggerated to the point that it's untrue.
- Is the site strictly for entertainment or for educational use?
- Is it there to sell a product? Look for [.com](#) (commercial).
- Does it show the dates of when the website was updated/edited?
- Look for a clear title and key words.
- Are the biases clearly stated?
- Check if the grammar and spelling is correct (proofread)
- Check if the facts are true/ the same on a different website.
- Check for a bibliographic.
- Look for a way to contact the author. (email, work phone etc.)
- If it's an organization, look for the "about us" page.
- Are there a lot of ads? If there are, the information might not be accurate. Although many different sites may use ads to support themselves.
- Is it easy to find the information or do you have to keep searching for one thing.
- Sometimes you may want to consider reading a book for there are no good websites.
- Is the author/organization qualified/educated on that subject?
- Check reviews on the site ( try using alexa.com)
- When was the website created, is it old or up to date?
- If you can't find who wrote the information do NOT believe what the website says unless you recheck with another website.

### **The three sites in awesomeness order**

Today I will be showing you the results from my rubrics for "The Dino Web Quest" project for Info Tech. They will be listed from the best to the worst. Remember these are my thoughts on the websites. Enjoy my homework!

(Rubric #1: About.com | Best) I think you could use the website if you just wanted to get a feel for what the Utah raptor was. But if you wanted to go in depth about the dinosaur, this site probably wouldn't

be the best. Although all the information on the page was written by a known author that is qualified for this subject and you can see the name of the author, his email address and what his experiences are. He updated the information recently as well. Though there was no bibliographic of where he got the information, I think the author is qualified enough to already know the information in his head from what somebody told him. All the spelling and grammar are correct. There is also very little advertising on the website so I don't think they are only trying to sell a product but they are only trying to support their website. So overall I think this website is a good source of information and facts that are true and not from a certain point of view from someone.

(Rubric #3: Wikipedia.com | 2nd best) This site is a very good site because it has tons of information that is explained. It has a whole bunch of references that you can check out and all the links are current and they all work. There are absolutely no ads on the site and they are not trying to sell a single product to the reader. It is very professional and it has a [.com](#) domain. The page is also updated very recently. However, there is no way to contact the author, no email address, no phone, no work address etc. It also doesn't show what he is qualified for, so you don't know if he is suitable for writing on this topic. You cannot even find his name. Also, it's Wikipedia, so anyone can edit this topic if they wanted too. So you may want to double check the information on another website.

(Rubric #2: Dinoruss.com | LAST PLACE) This site is an okay site. It has a descent amount of information, not a lot but it does have more than Rubric #1. The information does go in depth at times but some places it could use more explaining. This site, like Wikipedia, can have anyone edit the information. So basically a ignorant teenager could go on and mess everything up. It does not show the author's name or anyway to contact the author via email address, phone or work address. There is also no way of checking what he is qualified for, so he could be qualified for ponies and not dinosaurs. It also doesn't say when the page was last updated, so the last edit could of been in 1990. There are also no references at all so you never know where he got the information, he might of got it from a children's book. The site doesn't look very professional because there are cheesy YouTube videos on it. The site is a [.com](#) but I have never heard of it before and I doubt it is a respected/ well known organization. There are also no links at all!!!!!! Yet on the bright side, the site is not trying to sell you anything, it contains minimal ads (about 1 ad per page). There are no spelling or grammar errors that I seen.

In the end, the site with the least amount of information was triumphant because it had information on the author, what he was qualified for, HIS NAME and a way to contact him. Wikipedia was a close second, all it was really missing was information about who wrote and edited the page. Finally Dinoruss was last because it had a lot of flaws such as no references and no information on the author.