

Web Evaluation Activity
TIDES

1. Think of a topic for you or your students to research. (Try to come up with something that relates to the TIDES Web site.)

Now, write it in the form of a question.

2. Make a list of keywords from your question, also any synonyms that might be used.

3. Add key concepts by using the Boolean operators "and" or "or." Use quotation marks if you need to search for a phrase. Write down your search statement below.

4. Go to Google (<http://www.google.com>) and enter in your search statement from #3.

How many hits did you get? _____

Look at the addresses of the first three hits. Write down the three addresses below. (You can write down a short version of the address if it is too long.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now circle the domain name of each. (e. g. .edu, .com, .org)

5. Select one of the sites from the question above. Using the criteria below, briefly describe what you find.

(1) advertisements:

(2) photographs:

- (3) use of color:
- (4) works cited at end (bibliography):
- (5) author's credentials (Do we know anything about the author? Is the author a specialist?):
- (6) For whom is the article written (educator, professional, public)?

6. In the browser address box, type the following URL:
<http://www.time.com/time/>

Select the news story featured on Time Magazine's web page. Using the criteria below, briefly describe what you find.

- (1) advertisements:
- (2) photographs:
- (3) use of color:
- (4) works cited at end (bibliography):
- (5) author's credentials (Do we know anything about the author? Is the author a specialist?):
- (6) For whom is the article written (educator, professional, public)?