

# Effective Research

## Website evaluation activity

Constructivist approach to evaluating a website – One lesson activity.

1. Students are divided into teams of 3-4, for a series of 3 activities.

**Exercise 1: Library catalogue: Search Hoax websites. Choose a website to examine.**

This is a bad website. With your teammates, list at least five reasons why your teacher would not want you to use this website for your research task.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Exercise 2: Creating a Gold Standard**

Your cousin has heard that you should not drink bottled water that's been sitting in a hot car because the plastic bottles leak a toxic substance that increases the drinker's chance of developing cancer. As breast cancer runs in your family, this is an issue dear to your heart. What characteristics would you want to see (who, what, when, where, why) in a website you would be willing to use to advise your cousin about whether it's safe to drink the water.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Exercise 3: Find a website that most closely meets the gold standard criteria developed by the class.**

Name of website:

URL:

Reasons for choosing: