



Selecting and using sources

▶ Family History



Junior 7



Information Literacy

The aim of this session is to help you gain knowledge so you can select the best sources of information for the needs of your project.

Thinking about me

How good do you think you are at finding, selecting and using information.

I'm very good at this

I'm OK at this

I am not very good at this



Colour the girl to the point you think you have reached.



8. Did you find the information you needed?
9. If you didn't find what you were looking for why do you think this was?
10. Is this website relevant to your information needs?
11. What helps you decide if the information is relevant?



Of the two websites you have looked at which one do you think was most useful ?

Why do you think this?



Thinking about sources of information

You are asked to evaluate the following website

<http://africanhistory.about.com/library/weekly/aa011002a.htm>

1. Is this a reliable source of information?

Tips

- Finding out who is responsible for a site is sometimes **very difficult**. It is best to stick to sites that you know or have been directed to by your teacher or librarian.

2. Is the information easy to get to?

3. What features are used to help you find your way around?

4. Does the site have a search feature?

5. Are the links easy to follow and can you always return to the home page?

6. Are the links useful?

7. Do the pictures add to the available information?

Game: Sources of information

At the end of this **game** you will have:

- an understanding of the terms understandable, relevant, authoritative and current in relation to different sources of information.
- have thought about what sources might be useful for this project and why.



Evaluating Websites

Anyone can, and probably will, put anything on the Internet!

Research Questions:

1. Who was Mary Kingsley?
2. When was she famous?
3. Mary Kingsley was out spoken on many issues. What was one area she spoke out against?

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<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/Wkingsley.htm>

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