

Title: Appendix C for “Lateral reading: College students learn to critically evaluate internet sources in an online course”

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Appendix C

Sample multiple-choice question from Form B

Imagine you are doing research on gun control and you find the following webpages. Because webpages can change frequently, these links will take you to archived versions of the articles. Please do not consider that in your evaluations.

Webpage A: <https://people.duke.edu/~gnsmith/articles/myths.htm>

Webpage B: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gun_politics_in_the_United_States

Which of these two webpages do you think is a better place to start your research?

- Webpage A is better because it is from Duke University, and Webpage B is worse because anyone can edit a Wikipedia page
- Webpage A is better because it is a .edu site, and Webpage B is worse because Wikipedia is never a good source to use
- Webpage B is better because it has more information than Webpage A
- Webpage B is better because it links to reliable references, and Webpage A is worse because its content is from an unreliable organization