

Task 2.4 Student Instructions

Scenario: You have to demonstrate that you can visit websites and pass judgement on the validity of the information presented to you.

Method: Visit the following sites and answer the questions below. You will need access to the Internet to complete this task.

A) Visit <http://www.junkscience.com/news/robinson.htm> and read about the dangers of global warming.

1) Does this article make you concerned about what humans are doing to the environment?

Now visit <http://www.commondreams.org/headlines05/0219-01.htm>

2) Does this article make you concerned about what humans are doing to the environment?

3) What reasons might there be for the differences between the two articles?

4) Can you spot any evidence which might be important when deciding which source of information is more trustworthy?

B) Visit the website: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs/2.asp>

1) What explanation does it give for the extinction of dinosaurs?

Now visit: http://www.pa.msu.edu/sciencet/ask_st/041995.html

2) What explanation does it give for the extinction of dinosaurs?

3) Do you think the first article is biased? Why?

4) Do you think the second article is biased? Why?

5) Do either of these websites offer the truth, or do they just explain unproven theories?

C) Visit the website <http://www.alexchiu.com/index.htm>

1) What claims does this website make?

2) Do you think these are likely to be true?

Visit the website http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alex_ChIU

3) What motivations might Alex Chiu have for creating a misleading website?

D) Visit the following sites:

<http://www.malepregnancy.com/>

<http://www.d-b.net/dti/>

http://www.centreofthecell.org/centre/?page_id=175

<http://www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/Facts.asp>

1) Which sites do you believe contain genuine information?

2) Which sites contain false information?

3) What reasons do the websites have for displaying false information?