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Lesson Plan: You Be the Judge!

For the Teacher

Evaluation of information can only occur when students have a working knowledge base about a topic and are able to determine whether the information that they find is true based on this knowledge base. The following is a fun lesson that is intended to demonstrate to students that all the information that they find on the Web may not be true.

Objective

Students will investigate and determine whether information found on the Internet is valid.

Materials

- Access to a computer with an Internet connection, preferably in a lab situation
- “You Be the Judge!” worksheet (page 49)
- Computer projection device

Procedures

1. The teacher will demonstrate the use of one of the student directories (e.g., Yahoooligans, Eblast, Homework Helper) to show the students how to browse the categories.
2. Students will be asked to choose a hobby or topic of interest to them, browse the directory for information, and look at various sites dealing with the topic.
3. Students will compare and contrast information found on these sites and complete the “You Be the Judge!” worksheet.
4. The teacher will lead a discussion dealing with the results of their findings.

Evaluation

Students will come up with one or more facts from the investigated sites that they feel are false. Students will complete the “You Be the Judge!” worksheet. Students will discuss why they think incorrect information appears on the Internet.

Name: _____ Date: _____



You Be the Judge!

Choose a topic that you know a lot about and are interested in. Browse through the directory that your teacher instructs you to use and find some sites about your topic.

Look carefully at the information on the different sites. Is there information that is different on some of them? Is there information that you know is wrong on some of them?

Write down the URL (Web page address) of any site on which you find incorrect information. Explain what the wrong information is. At the end of the lesson, you will be asked to talk about why you think you might find incorrect information on the Internet.

My Topic: _____

URL: _____

Incorrect Information: _____

URL: _____

Incorrect Information: _____

