

## COM300 – Recommended Websites with Country Information

BBC Country Profiles

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country\\_profiles/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm)

Central Intelligence Agency. The World Factbook.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Google Directory of World Regions

<http://www.google.com/Top/Regional/>

Library of Congress. Portals to the World. "Links to electronic sources from around the world"

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

National Geographic Travel & Cultures

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/places/>

New York Times. World. Search by country on right side of page.

<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/index.html>

One World – Nations Online

<http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/>

U. S. Department of State. Country Specific Information.

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1765.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.html)

### EVALUATING WEB SITES

Always evaluate your web results for their:

accuracy – does the site misstate, misrepresent or exaggerate facts? are there errors?

authority – who created the site and what are their affiliations and credentials?

bias – does the site offer a point of view or opinion?

coverage – how much information is there?

currency – when was the site last updated?

### ADDITIONAL EVALUATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

#### ONLINE

- Google's Directory page: search for *web site evaluation* and choose the *Category*

- Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply & Questions to Ask (UC Berkeley)

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html>

- Evaluation of Information and Sources (Purdue)

<http://www.lib.purdue.edu/rguides/studentinstruction/evaluation/websiteevaluationchart.html>

- Five criteria for evaluating Web pages (Cornell)

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/webcrit.html>

### DOCUMENTING YOUR WORK

Official manuals for MLA and APA styles are on Reserve and in Ready Reference.

Citation handouts are available online through the Library's *Research Guides*.