**Research Process: Verifying the Integrity of Sources**

Verifying sources and selecting credible ones can be challenging, especially in terms of online sources. For the most part, the most reliable online sources are from sites that end in .org, .edu, .gov. There are, of course exceptions for each of these.

**Pick a site from a Google search related to your topic and answer the following questions.**

What is the URL ending?

Can you tell who created this site? If so, who?

Is this site affiliated with a reliable institution? If so, what institution?

Does the site look professionally designed and managed?

Does the site list an author and date of publication?

Does the article or piece in question cite the information it uses?

Can you discern any noticeable bias right away? If so, is this still a reliable piece of information in that in demonstrates a particular perspective?

**Finally, based on this evaluation, is this source reliable?**