

Evaluating Resources (The SIFT Method)

Stop!

- 🐾 Before reacting or sharing, pause and ask: Do I know and trust this source?
- 🐾 Consider your emotional response and whether the information aligns with your expectations.
- 🐾 Avoid sharing or engaging until you have verified its credibility.
- 🐾 Stopping ensures you stay focused and avoid misinformation.

Investigate the Source

- 🐾 Research the author or organization behind the content.
- 🐾 Use techniques like lateral reading or tools like Google or Wikipedia to determine their credibility, expertise, and potential biases.
- 🐾 This quick step helps you decide if the source is trustworthy.

Find Better Coverage

- 🐾 Instead of relying on one source, look for other credible outlets reporting on the same claim.
- 🐾 Trusted sources with a history of accurate reporting help verify information and provide balanced perspectives.
- 🐾 Finding better coverage can confirm or refute the original claim.

Trace Claims, Quotes, and Media to the Original Context

- 🐾 Follow links or references to locate the original source of claims, quotes, or media.
- 🐾 Check if the content is accurately represented or distorted.
- 🐾 Tracing back to the original ensures you understand the full context and avoid misinterpretation.