

The Web-Savvy Writer, part 1
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Ah, summer break is just around the corner. Spring flowers and spring rains vie for our attention. While our Christian writer's group takes a break from meetings during June-August, for our board to meet and plan our second year; continue developing your writing and research skills using the following Internet information and web sites.

Evaluating the Credibility of Web Research Resources

Information published on the web is seldom subjected to the level of review (by peers, editors or experts) that has become standard practice in print publishing. When you search the web for serious research questions, you run the risk of being misled by ill-informed web sites.

- **Author Identity and Objectivity** – Identify the author and evaluate his or her credentials.
- **Content** – Examine the content of the web site. A date on the page helps identify timeliness. To what depth is the subject covered? Have important topics or considerations been omitted?
- **Form and Appearance** – Look for poor grammar, spelling errors, loud colors, graphics that do not add to the content of the page. All these indicators suggest a low-quality resource.
- **What to do?** – If you decide to rely on a questionable resource, find a corroborating source.

Writer's Toolbox of Often-Used Web Sites

Grammar

1. Concise Guide to Grammar & Style
www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0001600.html
2. CCCF Guide to Grammar and Writing
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
3. Guide to Grammar & Style
<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Writing>
4. Grammar Guide
<http://members.aol.com/DangerMom/guide.html>

Dictionary & Thesaurus

5. Miriam-Webster Online Dictionary & Thesaurus
www.m-w.com/
6. Dictionary & Thesaurus
www.dictionary.com

E-zines for Writers & Writers' Groups

7. The Eclectic Writer
www.eclectics.com/writing/writing.html
8. Writer's Weekly
www.writersweekly.com
9. Writers on the Net
www.writers.com/
10. Writers Write
www.writerswrite.com/
11. Writers Digest
www.writersdigest.com/GeneralMenu/
12. Writers Free Reference
[/www.writers-free-reference.com/](http://www.writers-free-reference.com/)

Watch for part 2 of the Web-Savvy Writer in the Oct-Nov 2008 newsletter.

Have an enjoyable and productive summer ! OCACW meetings resume next September.