

## General Homework on Internet Research

Critical Evaluation of Information using TrapIt

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Instructions:

Your selected/assigned topic to create a trap for is \_\_\_\_\_.

What is/are the keyword(s) you wound up using in your most successful discovery?

Identify (up to 3) **irrelevant content** articles, record the URLs below, and dislike the content.

Identify the five **most relevant content articles**, record the URLs below, and like them.

### Questions:

1.) What stories/types of content were you attempting to capture with your initial search?

2.) What was one article that was **irrelevant** to your inquiry, and why?

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3.) A particular news item will often generate multiple articles with significantly different points-of-view. Choose two articles from within your trap that report on the same story and compare/contrast them with one another. In particular address the following:

- What are the major points that each author makes in their articles?
  
  - What facts are interpreted differently / how do the arguments in the two articles you chose differ from one another?
  
  - Is there anything that one writer says that appears to contradict the other? Are there any gaps / errors or false statements in either articles?
  
  - Is one **source** more or less reliable than the other, in your opinion, between these two? Why or why not?
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