

LATERAL READING

YOUR GUIDE TO SMART ONLINE RESEARCH



CHECK YOUR FEELINGS

Notice how the reading makes you feel. Angry? Anxious? Pause and investigate the author further.

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LEAVE & LEARN

Don't linger on the original source. Open a new tab and search for info about the author or website's credibility.

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SCAN SMART

Don't click right away! Scan beyond the first 2 results for trusted sources. Look for major organizations and differing perspectives.

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JUDGE THE ORIGINAL SOURCE

Based on your research, ask: Is this source knowledgeable? Trustworthy? Unbiased? Use your findings to interpret the original info.

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REMEMBER: BEFORE YOU TRUST OR TRASH A SOURCE, INVESTIGATE THE AUTHOR. ACCURATE INFORMATION IS WORTH THE EXTRA EFFORT!



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