To determine whether a website is credible, reasonable, and appropriate for academic use, you must piece together a lot of these clues, and make a decision. If you choose to use a website for your research, explain why below. Use at least four pieces of evidence to explain your answer.

You MUST check with your teacher or Mrs. Spinella before using this website.

NAME of website: ____BBC News

URL of website: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/3291271.stm

BBC News is a very reliable website because the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) is a highly-regarded television broadcasting company that has been around since 1922. The “About Us” link at the bottom of the page took me to information about the history and public mission of the BBC, which is supported by the British Government. As a result, it has a responsibility to provide unbiased information. There are also many examples of its editorial independence.

The article I used does have an author. Although there is not a Works Cited for this news article (there usually isn’t one for a newspaper article), journalists for reliable news organizations like the BBC have to confirm their facts with multiple sources.

There is a date of publication for this article: 4 December, 2003. While this is 9 years ago, my topic does not require the most up-to-date information. I know the site is updated frequently because when I visit the Home page, I see very current news stories.