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.

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**NAME of website: Jezebel**

**URL of website: http://jezebel.com/5375215/how-do-we-define-beauty**

Jezebel (How Do We Define Beauty?) is NOT a good website to use for research. When I visited “About Us” I learned that that “Jezebel Open Forums are unique pages built up by you, the readers.” There also was no information about the credentials of the editorial staff. This is really just a comment site.

I also investigated the author Latoya Peterson. When I tried to visit her profile, the page was blank. She does not appear to have any expertise on this subject, nor does she supply her own sources. We know from the About Us section that she has no editor or peer-review process. So I don’t know if her facts are reliable.

The article was written in 2009, which is OK for this research, but the About Us page hasn’t been updated since January 2011. The fact that the website is not kept up to date is an indication that it is not reliable.

For all of these reasons, I cannot use this website for academic research.