

**Study Questions for January 17:
Internet Research Skills**

1. Find a web site or online article on some aspect of Internet politics. (Use a search engine, or browse through one of the “Internet and Politics portals” listed under “Additional Links” on the web page for this week.) Use the “Criteria for Evaluating Internet Resources” to evaluate site or article.
2. How did looking at the “criteria” list affect your perception of the web site? Do you think the criteria are reasonable?
3. How could you endanger the privacy of Internet users through your work in this course? What can you do to protect the privacy of other Internet users?
4. What does Sharf mean by “narrative appropriation”? What questions would you ask yourself, or what steps would you take, before using a personal story or quote you found online?
5. Do you think Sharf’s guidelines for online research are adequate? Excessive? How would you adapt her guidelines for your research in this course?