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\*This acronym was coined by Sarah Blakeslee at Meriam Library at California State University. For her complete basic checklist, check out the Passports' [Net Resources by Subject](#) link for [Evaluating Internet Resources](#).

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