

# Reflection Sample.

Bolaji, Ogunjinmi. "Positive and Negative Use of Social Media by Students." *BlogDash*, 2. Jun. 2017, <http://blog.blogdash.com/media-industry/positive-negative-use-social-media-students/>. Accessed 4 Oct. 2018.

After looking at the website "Positive and Negative use of Social Media by Students" written by Ogunjinmi Bolaji, the first thing I noticed was the word "blog" which is in the name of the website and the URL. Likewise, this is a .com. Both of these now raise red flags for me. I realize now that a personal website is likely to be written by anyone, not an expert, and the .com shows the website exists to make money, rather than just to inform. Likewise, the author, who is not listed until the end of the article, states that his/her credentials are only that they own a website called Educationhelm. When I clicked the link to further investigate, the website no longer exists. I think this shows that this person is not an expert and that I shouldn't automatically trust their writing. There also are no citations or references, which means I do not know where the information came from. The information seems to be current, but there is only one working link in the article. This circles back to another article written on *BlogDash*, which makes me skeptical that this website is unbiased and isn't using circular reporting. Also, the audience of this article is unclear, and the level of this source might be better for younger people. The information is a bit more basic than might be good for a college audience as all of the words are simplistic. Finally, in its favor, there do not appear to be any biases and most of the information is very impartial, as it shows both the negative and positive effects. Overall, I would not trust this website after learning about source evaluation in class. There are too many things working against its favor, and I would likely try to find another, better source.