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Research and Assessment Guidelines

Overall Assessment: The quality of your work will be assessed via research, sharing out, and slide deck slides, as well as through participation and classwork.

When engaged in internet research, you need to be mindful to use legitimate sources. See below.

Guidelines for Internet Research. Always consider the source before using information. You are to use plantnet.org for this project or follow the bullet points below when selecting a different source.

- AI generated info is not necessarily reliable. Often, it is a summary of what is available and does not distinguish between correct or incorrect info.
- The following are encyclopedia sites that have been reviewed and are preferred over Wikipedia: Scholarpedia.com; Encyclopedia.com; bartleby.com; Dkonline.encyclopedia.com; Infoplease.com/encyclopedia
- Websites that reference scientific journals or original sources are more trustworthy. The journals referenced can be found at the bottom of a site.
- Consider the purpose of a website. A site whose purpose is to bash a celebrity, endorse a politician, sell a product, etc. may present information in a manner that promotes their purpose rather than with an unbiased view.
- View the type of ads on websites. Websites with typical commercial ads (i.e., for Target, overstock.com, etc.) or ads making crazy claims (i.e., lose 10 lbs. in 1 day) are not usually the most reputable websites.
- Searching the website's URL in quotes will show which sites reference this website. Those sites will give you some guidance as to the reputability of the site you are viewing.