Digital Detectives

Description: Digital Detectives: Solving Information Dilemmas in an Online World helps students become independent and confident digital detectives, giving them the tools and tactics they need to critically scrutinize web-based digital information to ascertain its authenticity, veracity, and authority, and to use the information in a discerning way to successfully complete academic tasks. Enabling students to select and use information appropriately empowers them to function at a higher level of digital information fluency, acting as discerning consumers of, and effective contributors to, web-based information.

- Offers a situated, problem-solving approach to deepen students’ analytical and research skills
- Explores a practical, real-life dilemma that is typically experienced by undergraduates in the course of their academic work, especially those transitioning from secondary to third-level education
- Focuses on the authentic educational needs of undergraduates as expressed by educators, but also students themselves
- Addresses a specific central dilemma which is identified at the outset, but also uses the opportunity to reveal to students the broader contextual issues which frame the problem they are exploring

Contents: Introduction After the first two chapters, which set the scene for this text, ensuing chapters are framed as digital dilemmas encountered by novice students in higher education, who are unfamiliar with how the power of digital media and resources can be harnessed to support academic work. Each chapter untangles the assumptions and beliefs behind each digital problem, and offers students and educators a clear and practical pathway through the digital maze. Chapter 1: The Digital Landscape, Scholarship, and You

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