# Support Material 27: Evaluating Web Sites II

## Instructor Guide

Topic: Anastasia – Czar Nicholas’ daughter – the whole family was supposedly shot during the Russian Revolution, but years later a woman appeared on the scene, claiming to be Anastasia. There was a big controversy. How do we find out if she’s really the same person? How would we research the mystery of Anastasia?

http://www.royalty.nu/Europe/Russia/Anastasia.html

This site is not bad – lots of missing information according to the evaluation criteria – however, looks okay and if used with other sources that support this information, should be okay.

<http://www.foxhome.com/anastasia/main.html>

This Web site is obviously not useful for getting information for a research project. However, good to put before students to ensure they recognize this.

1. <http://www.lostsecrets.com/>

This site states that it was created from actual photographs and letters of the Romanovs, but in the FAQs link, the creators of the site state that the Moscow Archives, the characters and their situation are fictitious. Looking at the credits section, you will notice that none of the people involved are experts in this field. Nevertheless, there are some good suggestions for further reading.

1. <http://www.alexanderpalace.org/anastasia/>

This looks like an excellent site. Very comprehensive; the author is very up-front about who he is and he has an interest in Russia, clearly, from the fact that he’s done other Internet sites on Russian topics. Gives thanks to various people who helped him, including the curator of the Romanov Archives in Moscow. A link check shows a number of academic sites linked to his Russian sites and he is mentioned as an artist, a historian and founder of "The Alexander Palace Association". Still, we don’t know what his credentials are. Although still inconclusive - can't trace the reliability of the person making the comment - it adds to the growing body of evidence to suggest that this site is academically reliable. Used in conjunction with the other sites that look good, and if the info is supported elsewhere, it should be okay.

1. <http://www.webspawner.com/users/anastasiar>

This is the site of an 18 year old. Good example of a site students should be very cautious about using. Also, a good example of how you must really look at the site to find all the information you need about authority. Try out some of the links. In this case, the part where she tells about herself is hidden and you have to click a few times to find it.

1. <http://maxwellhill.rale.k12.wv.us/FriendsFlags/anastasia%20ann.htm>

Child’s Web site….

###### *NB: please note that these URLs may not be correct due to the continually changing nature of the Internet. If you cannot find these same sites, or if they no longer appear to be suitable, feel free to select sites of your own.*