

Hoax Websites

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Here are some great teachable website hoaxes similar to the [Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus](#) that you can use to help students learn about evaluating online information:



1. [Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division](#): This site provides detailed information about the dangers of dihydrogen monoxide, which is actually just water. It's a great way to show students how scientific-sounding language can be misleading. One of the oldest and still one of the best, this website provides loads of scientific data on the dangers of a common substance called Dihydrogen Monoxide. Of course, two hydrogens and one oxygen make up H₂O, so it is just a fancy sounding name for plain old water. This is a particularly good site for older students as the content is more advanced and the site has a more academic look and feel.
2. [All About Explorers](#): This site looks like a typical educational resource about famous explorers, but it contains intentionally incorrect information. It's designed to teach students to verify facts from multiple sources. One quick glance at this website and you will be reminded of countless educational webquest sites from years gone by. Students can choose from many explorers and read a detailed, but highly incorrect, biography for each. The site is specifically educational though as they provide lesson plan activities that have the students compare and contrast the information found on the site with other reputable online sources.

These resources can be a fun and engaging way to teach students about the importance of evaluating the credibility of online information.