English 2273 - Winter 2005
Hypermedia Project
# Web Source Evaluation
Due: Monday, February 14

Critical awareness and critical analysis enjoy a symbiotic relationship, with either one depending on the other, and neither being possible without the other. To be critically aware requires some analysis, but analysis is generally regarded as a deeper, more engaged activity than "mere" awareness. When approaching sources from the public web, critical awareness and analysis are especially important.

Find two web resources with information on your poem and/or poet. Note that these are to be freely available resources on the public web, i.e. accessible via Google, Yahoo, Ask Jeeves, etc. Do not use a library database such as ProQuest!

Evaluate the two web resources using the four criteria of authority, objectivity/reliability, scope/coverage, and currency/accuracy outlined in the Browser Beware document. Make a one-page summary of your evaluation for EACH of the two web resources. This summary can be point form if you wish and can take the form of answers to the questions in the Browser Beware document; however, simple "yes" or "no" answers are not adequate.

At the end of each of the two summaries, add any additional comments or observations that you may have. At the very least, indicate whether you now consider each resource suitable as a source for your essay or not. Remember, the more you write here, the less work you will have to do later in the hypermedia project.

Include the full URL and title of the web resources you are evaluating. If you are evaluating a page that is in a frame, be sure to supply the actual URL of the individual page, not of the framing index page.