Whom Do You Trust?

Do you always believe what you read or see on the Internet or what someone forwards you in an email.

Read the following two articles. Write a paragraph summary. Place your name and date in a header. Place a title on your paper. Use normal styling for the body of the text.

<http://arstechnica.com/media/news/2009/05/wikipedia-hoax-reveals-limits-of-journalists-research.ars>

<http://tech.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=09/05/06/2237244>

Take ***all four*** hoax tests. Seeing is not believing. We will work with PhotoShop as our next unit and see how digital images can be manipulated. ***Record your four scores*** as you go. Add it to your paper. Are you surprised at your scores?

<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/tests/hoaxphototest.html>

Check out this site for “What would you do?”

<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/test.html>

Take the **other four** gullibility tests too. Mark down the name of the test and your score.

Urban legends

<http://www.snopes.com/>

Check the coke legends and a few others.

Look at a few of the most popular “urban” legends. Read the bottom of the page for the explanation. Note, that some have some truth to them which make them harder to discern whether they are true or false at their face value.

List the ones you looked at – just a sentence or two and whether true or false or a mixture of both.

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A good saying, but, was it said by President Ronald Reagan? Research this information and write a paragraph in a MS Word document about what you found and where (list URLs). Don’t rely on just one site. Your answer must be thorough.

"Trust, but Verify"  
~ President Ronald Reagan

When done save your work, add a header, print, and hand in.!