

Web Site Evaluation Form

Name: _____ Teacher / Block: _____

In order to determine if a web site should be used as a source for research, you should thoroughly evaluate its content. Use the following questions to help you determine the reliability of the web site.

1. Web address: _____

2. Name of web site: _____

3. Sponsoring organization: _____

4. Title of specific page(s) you are using: _____

5. Author's name (if included): _____

6. What makes the author an expert on this topic? _____

7. Date of copyright / creation: _____ Last update: _____

8. Date you accessed the site: _____ (write it day month year)

9. What type of source is this page? (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial web page / Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal web page |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational web page | <input type="checkbox"/> Blog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government-sponsored site | <input type="checkbox"/> Wikipedia or other wiki |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization site | <input type="checkbox"/> Message board / forum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military site | <input type="checkbox"/> Information-sharing site (i.e. Yahoo! Answers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional news organization (CNN, MSNBC, TNT, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____ |

10. Does there appear to be any bias on the web site? Why or why not? _____

11. Is information organized and clearly presented?..... Good Fair Poor

12. Are the spelling and grammar accurate? Good Fair Poor

13. Evaluate the visual aspects: graphics, design, neatness, etc. Good Fair Poor

14. Check out links on web site. Are they relevant, up-to-date, and functioning? _____

15. Why is this web site a good source or not a good source of information?

(Some things to consider: Is the information based solely on opinions? Does the site contain research from other sources with a Works Cited? Has information been published elsewhere?)

16. What is your overall rating of this web site? Good Fair Poor