

# Web Site Evaluation Worksheet

Evaluate each Web site you use for your research by completing the right side of this form.

<p><b>WHAT is the name or title of the web page/site and give the URL?</b></p> <p>1. Does it have the kind of information you need?</p>	<p><b>Name:</b> <b>URL:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Circle one:</b>  <b>YES</b> (Continue)                      <b>NO</b> (Stop and find another website)</p>						
<p><b>WHO created the page/site?</b></p> <p>1. Author/organization name? 2. Qualifications of author/organization?</p> <p>3. Is there a way to contact the author and ask questions?</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2. <b>Circle one:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Author is an expert who studies or works in this topic area (<i>BEST and most reliable</i>)</li> <li>▪ Author has some experience through study or hobby in this topic area (<i>OK but need to verify in other source</i>)</li> <li>▪ Author is interested in topic area just like you but has no relevant qualifications (<i>NOT a reliable source</i>)</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Circle one:</b>  <b>YES</b> (BEST)                      <b>NO</b> (Be cautious)</p>						
<p><b>WHERE is the information coming from based on the URL?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ .com (business), .gov (government), .org (non-profit organization), .edu (college or university), .k12 (school) etc.?</li> <li>▪ .ca (Canada), .pe (Peru), .jp (Japan) etc.?</li> <li>▪ Is there a ~ in the URL signifying a personal web site?</li> <li>▪ Is it on a generic web hosting service like geocities?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Circle all that apply:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"><i>Most reliable</i></td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"><i>Use with a very cautious &amp; critical mind</i></td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"><i>Not usually a preferred source</i> <small>(unless you can show that it is reliable)</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">.gov .edu</td> <td style="text-align: center;">.com .org</td> <td style="text-align: center;">.k12 geocities ~</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Country source can give clues as to point of view:</i>          .ca .uk .jp .my other country</p>	<i>Most reliable</i>	<i>Use with a very cautious &amp; critical mind</i>	<i>Not usually a preferred source</i> <small>(unless you can show that it is reliable)</small>	.gov .edu	.com .org	.k12 geocities ~
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<p><b>HOW accurate or trustworthy is this page?</b></p> <p>1. Is there a source list or bibliography? 2. Are there spelling/grammar mistakes? 3. Is the information consistent with what you have found in other sources?</p>	<p>1. <b>YES</b> (BEST)                      <b>NO</b> (Be cautious)</p> <p>2. <b>YES</b> (Not usually a reliable source)                      <b>NO</b> (BEST)</p> <p>3. <b>YES</b> (BEST)                      <b>NO</b> (Be cautious)</p>						
<p><b>WHEN was the page created and when was it last updated?</b></p>	<p><b>Created:</b> <b>Last updated:</b> <i>If the page has not been updated recently be very cautious!</i></p>						