

## Web site Evaluation Guide

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Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Web site URL: http://\_\_\_\_\_

Title of web site: \_\_\_\_\_

### Content

Is the purpose (inform, persuade, sell, entertain) of the site indicated on the home page? YES/ NO

If not, can you guess the purpose of the web page? YES/ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Could that purpose cause the web author to be biased? YES/ NO

Do you feel as though the document is trying to convince you of something? YES/ NO

Is the information useful for your purpose? YES/ NO

Did the information lead you to other sources that were useful? YES/ NO

When was the document created? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the information current? YES/ NO

Does up-to-date information matter for your purpose? YES/ NO

Does the author express his or her opinion as fact? YES/ NO

Does the author support his ideas with references to show that he has done research?  
YES/ NO

Does the information contradict something you found somewhere else? YES/ NO

Do the pictures supplement the content of the page? YES/ NO/ NOT APPLICABLE

Briefly describe the contents of this site: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Authority

Is there a person or organization responsible for the web page? YES/ NO

Write the name of the person or the organization. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there an email address to contact the author or authors? YES/ NO

What authority or credentials does the person or organization have? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Web page linked to a home page for an organization, commercial enterprise, or individual? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the domain ( edu, com, gov) of the page influence your evaluation of the site?  
YES/ NO

Are you positive that the information is true? YES/NO

What can you do to prove that it is true? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Are you satisfied that the information is useful for your purpose? YES/ NO

If not, what can you do next? \_\_\_\_\_

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