

## Web Site Evaluation Checklist

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Authority – Who is behind the site?</b>	
Personal page or site? (~ or %, personal name, or users, members or people)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What type of domain is it?	<input type="checkbox"/> com <input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu <input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil <input type="checkbox"/> non-US _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other _____
Is the domain appropriate for the content?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Questionable <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>Be especially wary of sites in which the author or sponsoring organization is not clearly stated or there is no contact information provided.</i>	
Who is the author?	
Who is the sponsor?	
<i>If available, check out the About Us link or go to the home page (nothing in the URL after the domain name).</i>	
Is there a webmaster in addition to an author? <i>The web master implements updates to the page and the author should be responsible for the accuracy of the information.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Author <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Author's email address or contact information:	
Sponsor/author's email address or contact information:	
Are the sponsor/author's credentials included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the sponsor/author's credentials appropriate for the topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Any potential bias?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
<b>Content – What is there?</b>	
<i>Be especially wary of undated sites or sites in which it is not clear when the site was last updated.</i>	
Is the page dated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of last update: _____	
Is the site free from advertisement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there dead links on the page?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are sources documented with footnotes or links?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the author cite reputable sources?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there credible links to other resources on the topic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do the links represent other viewpoints?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the information on this site unbiased?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the information appear to be fact or opinion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Fact <input type="checkbox"/> Opinion
What is the purpose of the page?	
<b>Reputation – What do others say?</b>	
Who links to it? <input type="checkbox"/> Many reputable sites <input type="checkbox"/> Few or internal pages only	
Go to Google or AltaVista and enter <i>link: url</i> and see if any reputable sites link to this site.	
<b>Verdict: Reviewing the above, is this a credible site?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	