

Web Site Evaluation Worksheet

Using this form: Consider your assignment or project when using this evaluation worksheet. For example, a site that may be good for a speech or cultural analysis assignment could be quite different from a site that would be good for a research paper.

	#1 Page title or URL:	#2 Page title or URL:
AUTHORITY		
URL: What type of domain is it?	<input type="checkbox"/> com <input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu <input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-US ____ <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ~ or % or users in URL	<input type="checkbox"/> com <input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu <input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-US ____ <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ~ or % or users in URL
Who wrote the page? How did you find out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Author's name or e-mail? <input type="checkbox"/> About or Info section?	<input type="checkbox"/> Author's name or e-mail? <input type="checkbox"/> About or Info section?
Credentials? A qualified authority/source on this subject?	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of authority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of authority?
CONTENT, SCOPE:		
Is the purpose of the site clear?	<input type="checkbox"/> Informs (facts, data) <input type="checkbox"/> Persuades <input type="checkbox"/> Sells/entices Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Informs (facts, data) <input type="checkbox"/> Persuades <input type="checkbox"/> Sells/entices Other:
Is the content presented as fact? As original work? Not altered or forged? Source of information listed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Source well documented or reliable <input type="checkbox"/> Complete work <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (directory, links, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Source well documented or reliable <input type="checkbox"/> Complete work <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (directory, links, etc.)
Is the site current? Do links work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Date written or reviewed listed on page <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer than 3 broken links on page	<input type="checkbox"/> Date written or reviewed listed on page <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer than 3 broken links on page
Who sponsors the site? Agency, institution, funding source? Advertising?	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor listed <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor listed <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising
Does the site present more than one viewpoint? Show a bias?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the site possibly ironic? Satire or parody?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
REPUTATION:		
Is the site peer-reviewed? Does it have an editorial board?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Was the site referred by a reputable source?	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory <input type="checkbox"/> Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly source	<input type="checkbox"/> Directory <input type="checkbox"/> Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly source
Who links to the site? Hint: In Google & Alta Vista search: link:all.or.part.of.url		
RELEVANCE TO YOUR WORK:		
Does the site seem to have the type of information you need for this assignment or project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Would you feel comfortable citing this website in a research paper?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No