

Web Site Evaluation Form

Use this form to evaluate web sites you find on the “open Internet” (Web sites you find by using a search engine such as Google). Put a circle around the number that is true about the website. Add up all the points circled. Only web sites that score 14 or above should be used as an information source.

Authority: Who wrote it?

- 1 The author or publishing organization is identified.
- 3 The author's or publishing organization's background and expertise is related to the subject s/he writes about on the web site.
- 1 Information about the author or publishing organization is easy to find.
- 1 The URL has an .edu or .gov domain.

Objectivity: What is the purpose?

- 1 The site has educational or factual information about the topic I am researching.
- 1 The site has little or no advertising or pop-ups.
- 2 The site presents the information objectively, without bias.

Relevancy: Is it useful?

- 1 The site has information that meets my research needs.
- 1 I can read and understand the information.
- 1 The site's information is well written (grammatically correct and descriptive).
- 1 The site has other quality links on it.
- 1 The site lists sources that show where the author got his/her information.

Currency: Is it up to date?

- 1 The site was produced or updated within the past 5 years.

Final Score _____ (add up all scores)

Excellent website 16 **Good website** 14-15 **Questionable website** 10-13 **Poor website** 1-9