



Web Site Evaluation Form

It is important for you to evaluate information you find on the Internet. Anyone with a little bit of computer knowledge can write a Web page and publish it on the Internet. This does not mean the information is accurate. Here are some guidelines you can use to determine if the site you find is a good one.

Student: _____ Teacher: _____

Title of the site: _____

URL: _____

Who created the Web site? (very important)

Is the author's name and e-mail address included? YES _____ NO _____

Author's Name _____

Are the author's credentials are given? (education, position) YES _____ NO _____

Is there an address or phone number to verify the author? (e-mail address is not enough) YES _____ NO _____

Is there a well known organization or institution associated with or sponsoring the site? YES _____ NO _____

Name of organization or institution: _____

Is there a phone number or address given so you can verify the organization or institution associated with the site?

YES _____ NO _____

What is the purpose of the Web site? (Is it to entertain, persuade, educate, or sell?)

Is the Web site designed to teach you something? YES _____ NO _____

Is the organization or institution associated with the site from an educational institution(.edu), from an organization (.org). or from the government (.gov)? YES _____ NO _____

(Keep in mind sites from company's (.com) maybe trying to sell you something).

Is the information factual, and not just someone's personal opinion and/or feelings? YES _____ NO _____

(Keep in mind some organizations may provide you with only one point of view on a subject. For example, the information provided about gun control from the American Rifle Association Web site will not be the same as the information provided about gun control you find on the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence Web site).

Questions? Ask your librarians Mrs. Minikel and Mrs. Kearon

Is the information accurate?

Is the content meaningful and useful? YES_____ NO_____

Is the page free from spelling and grammatical errors? YES_____ NO_____

Is there a bibliography of the authors resources included? YES_____ NO_____

Have you been able to verify the information you found on this site in another resource? YES_____ NO_____ (newspaper, magazine, book,) It is very important that you do this.

Name of other resource _____

Is the information current?

Is the material on the page dated? Does the site have a copyright date, or revision date where it says last updated on? YES_____NO_____

Are the links up to date and working? YES_____ NO_____

Is the Web site designed well?

Do the pages load quickly? YES_____ NO_____

Is the site easy to navigate through and can you find what you want easily? YES_____ NO_____

Is the site free from too many distracting images, animations, colors, wild backgrounds, and sounds? YES_____ NO_____

Should you use this Web site for information?

The more **No** answers you have, the more you should question the accuracy of information on the Web site.

How many questions did you answer YES? _____ How many questions did you answer NO? _____

Based on your answers , do you think this Web site is a reliable source of information for you to use?

YES_____ NO_____

Did you bring this completed form, attached to a print out of the Web site you are evaluating, to your librarian or teacher to go over with you?

YES _____ NO _____

signature of librarian or teacher

_____/_____/_____
date

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