Website Evaluation Form
Required for all websites not listed on World History approved list

URL/Address:			

Title of the site:			

Site found with this search engine/directory: Site contains a primary source: Yes   No

Evaluate the website's content using the criteria listed below:

	Yes	No	If YES, fill in the relevant information below:
1. Authority			
The author(s) first and last name is clearly identified			Name:
The author's credentials are present			List:
Author is qualified to address the topic			Why?
Check no if the author is a student			
Publisher/sponsor of the site is identified			Name:
Contact information provided: E-mail, phone, address?			List:
2. Accuracy			
Information appears accurate			
Information can be verified elsewhere			Where?
Spelling and grammar are correct			
Contains links to reputable outside sources for additional information			List 2 links:
Site has a bibliography/citations for borrowed material			
Do reputable sites link to this site? (type link:URL in google for a list)			List one:
3. Currency			
Copyright (creation) date provided			Date:
Latest revision date is provided			Date:
Revision date is appropriate for subject			Date:
All links are current. (no dead links)			
4. Objectivity			
The purpose of the site is clear			Circle One: Inform Entertain Persuade Sell
Site is unbiased or bias is easy to identify			Explain:
Site is free of advertisements			List Ads:
Check no if site is a blog or a wiki			
Check no if site is a .com, .net, .org or other			
Check yes if site is a .gov, .mil or .edu.			
5. Coverage			
The site is well organized. (first impression)			
Contains information relevant to my project			
Site has depth and breadth (not fluffy)			
Site can be viewed completely (No fees, special browser requirements or "under construction" signs.)			

6.   Evaluate your website

Add up the number of "no" answers and write it here: _____

0 - 3 no's	Good	You may have a web page that will be valuable to your research.
4 – 6 no's	Fair	Review the no answers to ensure they will not negatively impact your research.
7 – 9 no's	Poor	Look for a reliable website that can provide the same information. *If you decide to use this website, provide a justification below.*
10 or more	Unacceptable	***Do not use***. Find another quality website.

Justification for using a "poor" website: