

Web Site Evaluation Guide

Your name(s): _____
Web site URL: http://_____

Title of web site: _____

Content

Is the purpose (inform, persuade, sell, entertain) of the site indicated on the home page? If you answer "yes" circle one) YES / NO

If not, can you guess the purpose(s) of the web page? Write it here. _____

Could that purpose cause the web author to be biased? YES / NO

Do you feel as though the document is trying to convince you of something? YES / NO

Look at the advertising on the page. Could the companies paying for the ads influence the content or cause bias? YES / NO

Is the information useful for your purpose? YES / NO

Would it have been easier to get the information somewhere else? YES / NO

Would information somewhere else have been different? YES / NO

If so, why? _____

Did the information lead you to other sources that were useful? YES / NO

When was the document created? _____

Is the information current? YES / NO

Does up-to-date information matter for your purpose? YES / NO

Does the information appear biased? YES / NO

Does the author express his or her opinion as fact? YES / NO

Does the author support his ideas with references to show that he has done research? YES / NO

Does the information contradict something you found somewhere else? YES / NO

Briefly describe the contents of this site:

Authority

Is there a person or organization responsible for the web page? YES / NO

Write the name of the person or the organization. _____

Is there an e-mail address to contact the author or authors? YES / NO

What authority or credentials does the person or organization have? Describe.

Is the Web page linked to a home page for an organization, commercial enterprise, or individual? (Circle one)

Has the site been reviewed by an online reviewing agency or won awards? YES / NO

Does the domain (i.e. edu, com, gov) of the page influence your evaluation of the site? YES / NO

Are you positive that the information is true? YES / NO

What can you do to prove that it is true? _____

Are you satisfied that the information is useful for your purpose? YES / NO

If not, what can you do next? _____

Are you using this web page for your paper or project? YES / NO