

Web Research Guide
Evaluating a Web Site

Name of Site: _____

URL: _____

Critical Questions	My Notes
<p>Who wrote/published the information on the site?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is the author/publisher?• Does the author provide contact information?• What are the author's credentials?• Is the site created or sponsored by a reputable organization?	
<p>What information and resources does the site provide?</p> <p>Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the site's purpose: to persuade, inform, or entertain?• Is the information on the site objective or biased?• Does the site provide thorough coverage of the topic?• Is the information on the site well written? Are there misspellings or grammatical errors?• Does the site provide a works cited page?• Does the site include multimedia elements that help explain the topic? <p>Navigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the site organized and easy to navigate?• Does the design suit the purpose?• Are there ads that might distract me?• Does the site take a long time to load?	

Evaluating a Web Site, continued

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<p data-bbox="235 352 703 422">When was the site created/last updated?</p> <ul data-bbox="235 457 776 621" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="235 457 776 520">• Does the site indicate when it was first created and last updated?<li data-bbox="235 520 776 621">• Do the links work, or do they lead to error messages, such as "Page Not Found" ?	
<p data-bbox="235 703 651 732">Where does the site "live"?</p> <ul data-bbox="235 772 756 869" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="235 772 756 804">• What is the extension in the URL?<li data-bbox="235 804 756 869">• What, if anything, does the extension tell me about the source of the site?	
<p data-bbox="235 1035 651 1064">Why should I use this site?</p> <ul data-bbox="235 1104 786 1335" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="235 1104 786 1167">• Do the resources on this site meet all my needs?<li data-bbox="235 1167 786 1230">• Is the information verifiable, in-depth, and up to date?<li data-bbox="235 1230 786 1335">• Why is this Web site a better research source than some of the other sites I've already visited?	
<p data-bbox="235 1478 667 1507">Additional Notes/Comments</p>	