

## Web Site Evaluation Worksheet

**Using this form:** Consider your assignment or project when using this evaluation worksheet. For example, a site that may be good for a speech or cultural analysis assignment could be quite different from a site that would be good for a research paper.

|  | #1 Page title or URL:   | #2 Page title or URL:   |
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| <b>AUTHORITY</b>   |   |   |
| <b>URL: What type of domain is it?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> com<br><input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu<br><input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-US ____<br><input type="checkbox"/> other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> ~ or % or <i>users</i> in URL | <input type="checkbox"/> com<br><input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu<br><input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-US ____<br><input type="checkbox"/> other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> ~ or % or <i>users</i> in URL |
| <b>Who wrote the page?</b><br>How did you find out?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Author's name or e-mail?<br><input type="checkbox"/> About or Info section?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Author's name or e-mail?<br><input type="checkbox"/> About or Info section?  |
| <b>Credentials?</b><br>A qualified authority/source on this subject?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of authority?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of authority?   |
| <b>CONTENT, SCOPE:</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Is the purpose of the site clear?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Informs (facts, data)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Persuades<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sells/entices<br>Other:  | <input type="checkbox"/> Informs (facts, data)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Persuades<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sells/entices<br>Other:  |
| <b>Is the content presented as fact?</b><br>As original work?<br>Not altered or forged?<br>Source of information listed? | <input type="checkbox"/> Source well documented or reliable<br><input type="checkbox"/> Complete work<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A (directory, links, etc.)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Source well documented or reliable<br><input type="checkbox"/> Complete work<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A (directory, links, etc.)  |
| <b>Is the site current?</b><br>Do links work?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Date written or reviewed listed on page<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fewer than 3 broken links on page  | <input type="checkbox"/> Date written or reviewed listed on page<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fewer than 3 broken links on page  |
| <b>Who sponsors the site?</b><br>Agency, institution, funding source?<br>Advertising?                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor listed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Advertising   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor listed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Advertising   |
| <b>Does the site present more than one viewpoint?</b><br><b>Show a bias?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>Is the site possibly ironic?</b><br>Satire or parody?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>REPUTATION:</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Is the site peer-reviewed?</b><br><b>Does it have an editorial board?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>Was the site referred by a reputable source?</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Directory<br><input type="checkbox"/> Instructor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly source  | <input type="checkbox"/> Directory<br><input type="checkbox"/> Instructor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly source  |
| <b>Who links to the site?</b><br>Hint: In Google & Alta Vista search:<br>link:all.or.part.of.url                         |   |   |
| <b>RELEVANCE TO YOUR WORK:</b>   |   |   |
| <b>Does the site seem to have the type of information you need for this assignment or project?</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>Would you feel comfortable citing this website in a research paper?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |