

Critical Evaluation of Web Sites 6-8

You need to understand and read the information on Web sites to check to see if the information is accurate and useful. Use this form as a guide.

Student's Name:

Grade:

Teacher's Name:

Date:

What Web browser are you using?
What is the URL of the Web page you are evaluating? http://
What is the name of the site?

Authorship	Yes	No
Is the name of the author, or institution that created the site indicated? Name:		
Does the site provide information about the author or institution?		
What is the author's expertise on the subject? Explain:		
Is this information clearly stated on the home page?		
Does the site provide a date for when it was created? Date:		
Does the site indicate when it was last updated?		
Does the Web site's author include an e-mail address on the page?		
Check the domain name associated with this site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> .edu – college or university <input type="checkbox"/> .gov – government agency <input type="checkbox"/> .org – organization <input type="checkbox"/> .com – company 		

Design	Yes	No
Does the page take a long time to load?		
Is the information easy to read?		
Is it easy to get around the site?		
Does the page provide a site map?		
Does the site require more than three clicks to find what you need?		
Do all the links on the site work?		
Does the site contain pictures?		
Are the pictures on the page helpful?		
Is it easy to get back to the home page if you click somewhere else?		

Content	Yes	No
Does the title page tell you what the content of the page is about?		
Does the author use opinion words such as best, worst, and always?		
Does the information on the page appear to be true?		
Does the information contradict information you found in a different resource? How? _____ _____ _____		
How can you check to prove the information is accurate? Explain: _____ _____ _____		
List other resources you could use to verify that the information is correct. _____ _____ _____		
Does the page contain primary source information?		
Are there advertisements on this page?		
Do the advertisements distract the user?		

Summary								
<p>This Web site provides the user with: <i>Check all items from the list below that apply to this site.</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Research information</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Interactive activities</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Links to related information</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Primary sources</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Student projects</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> Graphics</td> </tr> </table>			<input type="checkbox"/> Research information	<input type="checkbox"/> Interactive activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Links to related information	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Student projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphics
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Would you recommend this site to others?	Yes	No						
<p>Why?</p> _____ _____ _____ _____								