

Website Evaluation Form
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Please complete one form for every website or webpage cited in the References list.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Teacher: _____

Web Page Title: _____

Website Title: _____

URL: _____

If unknown, select "No"	Yes	No
AUTHORITY		
Can you find the author or sponsoring organization? What is the author or sponsoring organization name:		
Does the author have appropriate credentials to write about this topic (ex: does the author have an advanced degree such as a Ph.D. in the topic of the website or page?)		
Is the site domain an .edu, .org, or .gov? What is the domain: _____ <i>NOTE: If you see a "~", it signifies a personal, not official, website. Do not mark yes in this case.</i>		
ACCURACY		
Are the sources of the facts and information fully documented?		
Based on the reading you have already done on the subject, does the information on the website or page seem accurate and consistent?		
BIAS		
Does the website or page seem free of opinion?		
Relatively free of absolute words (always/never) or superlatives (best/worst)?		
Is the website or page free of advertisements?		
CURRENCY		
Can you find a copyright or revision date? What is the date? _____		
Are the sources of information cited on the website or page current?		

Website Page Score. Count Each "Yes" you marked. Number of Yes's: _____

1-5 = You should **NOT** use this website or page as a source for an academic research paper.

Look for more appropriate sources. Contact your librarian for assistance.

6-8 = This website or page **might** be appropriate. Verify the facts through additional sources.

You may want to use more appropriate source and contact a librarian for assistance.

9-10 = You may use this website or page as a source for an academic research paper.

If the webpage received a score between 1-8, but you believe it is still useful, please explain: