

WEBSITE EVALUATION

Not all websites are created equal! You should carefully evaluate every site you visit before trusting its information.

Website address: _____

Is the URL:	Commercial (.com) <input type="checkbox"/>	Nonprofit (.org) <input type="checkbox"/>	Educational (.edu) <input type="checkbox"/>	Government (.gov) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this a personal page?					
What is the country code?					
Does the URL name correspond to the site name and contents?					

EXPERTISE	Is the author an expert? How do you know?
Are there footnotes or working links to other credible sites?	
Is there contact information?	

APPEARANCE	Does the site look professional (no bright colors, blinking images, poor writing or layout)?
Are there spelling or grammar mistakes?	
When was the site last updated? If there is no date, how old are the facts and statistics?	



BIAS	What is the purpose of the site?					
Inform	<input type="checkbox"/>	Persuade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trick you	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Explain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sell Something	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the information appear biased (one-sided, critical of opposing views, etc.)?						
How do you know?						
Does the information agree with other sites you've looked at?						

COMMON SENSE	Does it add up? Use your common sense.
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HOW WOULD YOU RATE THIS SITE?				
1	2	3	4	5
Useless				Excellent

