

WEBSITE EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Your Name:
Record the following information for citation purposes:
Website Name:
Website Address (URL):
Date Accessed:

Answer each question below and give each "yes" 1 point. After you have answered all the questions, add up the points and record the total at the bottom. Then use the scale to help evaluate this source.			
WHO	Circle One		Points
Is the author's name provided? OR Is the publisher/organization identified?	Yes	No	
Is the author's background/expertise provided? (Look for About Us, Profiles, FAQ, or company information)	Yes	No	
Is there a way to contact the author or publisher? (email, mailing address, or phone number?)	Yes	No	
Does the site have an .edu, .gov, or .org domain?	Yes	No	
WHAT			
Is the topic or purpose of the site clearly stated? OR Is there a statement of the publisher's goals or mission?	Yes	No	
Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?	Yes	No	
Is this information consistent with other sources of information?	Yes	No	
Is the site professional looking and free of spelling and grammar errors?	Yes	No	
Is the site free of advertising that may influence content?	Yes	No	
WHERE			
Are sources for factual claims and/or graphics cited?	Yes	No	
Does this site link to/from other reliable sources?	Yes	No	
WHEN			
Is an original posting date, copyright date, or revision date given?	Yes	No	
Is it current enough to be relevant to your topic?	Yes	No	
Do the links work?	Yes	No	
WHY			
Does this site provide enough useful information for your research?	Yes	No	
Is the information on this site easy to read and understand?	Yes	No	
Total point value for this website			

- If the total point value equals:
- 13-16 This is a good site, it's OK to use! ☺
 - 11-12 This site may be OK, consider other sources too. 😊
 - 0-10 Not a good choice, look for other sources. ☹

Will you use this source? Why/why not? _____