

## Web Page Evaluation

<b>Go to a search engine and perform a search on your topic:</b> _____	
<i>Use this checklist to systematically evaluate the web sites.</i>	
<b>LOOK AT THE URL:</b>	
<b>What type of domain is it?</b> Appropriate for the content?	<input type="checkbox"/> .edu/.k12.us <input type="checkbox"/> .org/net <input type="checkbox"/> .gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> non-U.S. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other _____
<b>Personal page or site?</b>	~ or %, or users, members, or people
<b>Published by entity that makes sense?</b> <b>Does it correspond the name of the site?</b>	<b>Publisher or Domain Name:</b> _____
<b>Is this web site a "wiki" or "blog"?</b> (Information from these needs extreme scrutiny- -personal vs. research based)	<b>Wiki:</b> A collaborative website whose content can be edited by anyone who has access to it <b>Blog:</b> an online diary; a personal chronological log of thoughts published on a Web page
<b>SCAN THE PAGE:</b>	
<b>Who is the author of the page?</b> (Look up author in Google)	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____
<b>Credentials on the subject?</b> (truncate back the url if no useful links)	<b>Evidence?</b>
<b>Date created? Updated?</b> (very important for time sensitive data)	<b>Date</b> _____ Current--within 1? 5? Years
<b>LOOK FOR THESE INDICATORS OF QUALITY</b>	
<b>Sources well documented?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<b>Links to more resources? Are they live?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Links <input type="checkbox"/> Links are live
<b>Who links to this page?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality links? <input type="checkbox"/> Many or few?
<b>Other viewpoints? Bias? Stereotyping?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bias <input type="checkbox"/> Stereotype
<b>Why was the page put on the Web?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Facts/data <input type="checkbox"/> Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Share/disclose <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Entice <input type="checkbox"/> Infomercial <input type="checkbox"/> Bias <input type="checkbox"/> Stereotype
<b>Is similar information found in other places:</b> books, ebooks,databases, periodicals/journals, or newspapers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No