



Evaluating Web Resources Checklist

Today's Date: _____

Title of Site: _____

URL (web address): _____

Author's Name (if known): _____

Date of publication or last revision: _____

Evaluate the web site based on the following criteria, circling either Y (Yes) or N (No) for each.

Authority

- 1. Author/Organization is identifiable, i.e. biographical information about the author or institutional affiliation and address are offered. Y N
- 2. Sponsor/location of the site (identified by URL or web address) is appropriate to the website's material, i.e., .edu for educational or research material. Y N
- 3. Contact information for the author or producer is included in the document. Y N
- 4. Mail-to link is offered for submission of questions or comments. Y N

Scope

- 5. Document includes a list of additional print and electronic sources. Y N
- 6. Links included appear relevant and appropriate to the site. Y N

Currency

- 7. Document includes a publication date or "last updated" date that is current. Y N
- 8. Document includes a date of copyright/publication. Y N

Purpose

- 9. Intended audience is easily identifiable. Y N
- 10. Intent of information (to inform, teach, sell, persuade, entertain or enlighten) is clearly stated or implied. Y N

Accuracy

- 11. Document includes a bibliography. Y N
- 12. Author alludes to or displays knowledge of related sources, with proper attribution. Y N
- 13. Author provides both sides of the argument with no evidence of bias. Y N

Usability

- 14. Site is laid out clearly and logically with well-organized subsections. Y N
- 15. Site is easy to navigate, including clearly labeled *Back*, *Home*, *Go To Top* icons/links and internal indexing links on lengthy pages. Y N
- 16. Site loads quickly and is readily accessible. Y N
- 17. Graphics and art serve a function. Y N
- 18. All links to remote sites work. Y N
- 19. Writing style is appropriate for the intended audience. Y N
- 20. Text follows basic rules of grammar, spelling and literary composition. Y N