

Evaluating Web Sites – *Checklist*

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Appropriateness	Does the information fit with your course and assignment?	_____
	What is the purpose of the site? To inform? To persuade? To entertain?	_____
	Does the information add to or support your research?	_____
	Does the site provide additional links that are also useful?	_____
Audience	Is the level of the site appropriate to your needs?	_____
	Is it readable or understandable to you?	_____
Scope & Coverage	Does the site provide more or less information than you need?	_____
	Does the site address your research to the extent you need? Does it cover several topics minimally or one topic in detail?	_____
Timeliness	Was the information recently published?	_____
	Is the information current enough for your research?	_____
	Is it riddled with dead links?	_____
Authority	Is there an author or source listed?	_____
	Is there information about the author's credentials or experience? Does it indicate some expertise on the topic?	_____
	Does the author cite sources, or include a bibliography?	_____
	Who sponsored or published the site? Are they reputable and well-established?	_____
	Can you contact the author or source?	_____
Accuracy	Does the site provide documentation for the information provided?	_____
	Does the site provide information that contradicts other sources?	_____
	Does the site include an explanation of its research methods?	_____
Bias	Does the site present information in an objective manner?	_____
	Are all sides of an issue represented?	_____
	Is the site's level of objectivity and bias acceptable for your research?	_____