

WEBSITE EVALUATION EXERCISE

Using a search engine, find what you consider to be a useful website on the topic of:

Please answer the following questions.

Name of web site, if any _____

URL (web address): _____

What search engine or metasearch engine did you use? _____

How reliable, do you think, is the information on this website? _____

Please answer the following Questions, as you evaluate this web site, by circling either. Y (yes) or. N(No);

Authority

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |