

WEBSITE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Do not assume that all websites are accurate and without bias!!

1. Identify the URL:

- Is this URL free of “%” or “~” signs? [yes] [no]
- What type of domain is it? .org? .com? .gov? .edu? _____
- Can you find the name of the publisher? [yes] [no]
- Does the publisher have a logical connection to the subject of the site? [yes] [no]

2. Identify the author:

- Can you locate the author’s name (check for an “About Us” link)? [yes] [no]
- Does the author include an e-mail address? [yes] [no]
- Can you tell whom the author works for? [yes] [no]
- Is the author qualified to write on the subject? (You can Google the author’s name to learn more about her/him.) [yes] [no]

3. Assess quality:

- Are sources included? (Is there a bibliography?) [yes] [no]
- Are there active links to related topics? [yes] [no]
- Is the page current? Has it been updated recently? [yes] [no]
- Is there any obvious bias? [yes] [no]

4. Summarize your findings as an annotation:

- What information does this site contain?
- How is the information relevant to your research?
- Why you think this site’s content is reliable?
