

Website Evaluation Checklist

Directions: Fill in the website evaluation checklist by answering yes or no to each question. When you are finished, use the key on the second page to complete your evaluation of the website.

Website topic or name: _____

URL: http://_____

Section 1: Ease of Use	yes	no
1. Is use of the website free of charge?		
2. Is the information easy to find and use?		
3. Is the text easy to read and uncluttered?		
4. Are the pages within the website well-organized and appealing?		
5. Do the pages load in a reasonable amount of time?		

Section 2: Source	yes	no
1. Does the information appear to be true—can it be backed up or proven with another website or a print source?		
2. Is it clear who is sponsoring the website?		
3. Does the website contain information about the author's or sponsor's qualifications?		
4. Does the author or website list the sources used to create the content?		
5. Is the author's contact information available?		

Section 3: Purpose and Appropriateness/Safety	yes	no
1. Is the purpose of the website clear?		

2. Is the primary focus the content and not advertising?		
3. Is the information on the website relevant?		
4. Does the website avoid bias?		
5. Can you view the contents of the website without giving out personal information, such as your name, age, or e-mail address?		

Recommended – If you have answered yes to most of the questions in the checklist, the website could be deemed a reliable source.

Not Recommended – If you have answered no to most of the questions in the checklist the website may be unreliable and/or inappropriate.

Note: No evaluation tool/checklist can be 100% reliable in evaluating whether a website is completely useful, safe, or intended for appropriate use. If you need additional clarification, please consult your teacher.