

WEBSITE EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Complete the worksheet by answering each question for the website you are evaluating. Then, write the point value for your answer in the "Points" column. When you have answered all of the questions, add up all the points and record the total at the bottom. Finally, refer to the key at the bottom of the page to determine whether this website is a credible source to use for your research.

Your Name:
Website Name:
Website Address (URL):
Date Accessed:

WHO	Circle One		Points
Is the author's name provided? OR Is the publisher/organization identified?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is the author's background/expertise provided? (Look for About Us, Profiles, FAQ, or company information)	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is there a way to contact the author or publisher? (email, mailing address, or phone number?)	Yes (1 pt)	No	
WHAT			
Is the topic or purpose of the site clearly stated?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is there a statement of the publisher's goals or mission?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is this information consistent with other sources of information?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is the site professional looking and free of spelling and grammar errors?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Do the graphics make the site more user friendly?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Does the site title appear in the URL?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Does the site include advertising that may influence content?	Yes	No (1 pt)	
WHERE			
Does the site have an .edu, .gov, or .org domain?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Are sources for the text and/or graphics cited?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Does this site link from/to other reliable sources?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
WHEN			
Is an original posting date, copyright date, or revision date given?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is it current enough to be relevant to your topic?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Are there any "broken" links?	Yes	No (1 pt)	
WHY			
Does this site provide enough useful information for your research?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Is the information on this site easy to read and understand?	Yes (1 pt)	No	
Total point value for this website			

If the total point value equals: 15-18 This is a good site, it's OK to use! 😊
 13-14 This site may be OK, consider other sources too. 😐
 0-12 Not a good choice, look for other sources. ☹️

Will you use this source? Why/why not? _____