

Web Evaluation Form

Research Question _____

Site Name _____

YES NO

Consider WHO Is responsible for the web site

- Does the author appear as an authority about the content?
- Does the author qualify as an authority or expert on the topic?
- Can you contact the publisher of the site?
- Is the site's sponsor identified?

Consider WHAT is the content/subject matter of the web site

- Does the content appear to be accurate? Error free?
- Is the information present in an objective manner, with a minimum of bias?
- Is there real depth of content (vs. information that is limited and superficial?)
- Are the links from the site appropriate and /or supportive of the content?
- Does the content have educational or informational value?

Consider WHERE the web site resides:

- What type of domain is the site?
.edu .com .org .net .gov other
- Is this a personal page with a "~" or a ".name" in the URL?

Consider WHEN the Web site was last updated

- Is the information current?
- Does the site provide information on when it was last updated?
- Do all the links work?
- Does it matter?

Consider HOW the main page looks and functions:

- Is the page easy to understand and use?
- Is the page well organized
- Is the page free from excessive amounts of advertising

Consider WHY The site exists:

- Is the site trying to
 Persuade
 Sell
 Inform

Do you consider

this site

Very Reliable

Reliable

Unreliable

Why?