

# Web Site Evaluation Guide

Use this worksheet to examine the quality of Web sites. You may either print out a blank form and make handwritten notes or type in your comments and print out your completed form. Access the page again for a blank copy.

<b>Web site name:</b>
Address (URL):
Date accessed:
<b>Scope &amp; Purpose: What about?</b>
Depth:
Coverage:
Information types:    primary    secondary    comments:
Type of page:    advocacy    governmental    research    commercial    news    other:
<b>Audience: For whom written?</b>
Level of complexity:    specialized    general    comments:
Vocabulary:    scholarly    simple    comments:
Assumptions about reader:
<b>Authority: Who wrote?</b>
Author name:
Author credentials:
Hosting organization:
<b>Accuracy</b>
Well written:    spelling errors    grammar errors    comments:
Information source:
How information compiled:
Compare to other sources:
<b>Objectivity</b>
Contents:    facts    opinions    propaganda    comments:
Viewpoint/bias:
Financial support:    advertising    donations requested    sponsored by:
<b>Currency</b>
When written:
When information collected:
Updates:    frequency:
Access to previous versions (archives):
<b>Accessibility</b>
Cost:
Viewing options:
Reliability:
Use restrictions:
<b>Overall: Does the site meet my needs?</b>