

Web Evaluation Checklist

- Have you first checked sources available through the Library? If not, please do. The public web is usually the last resort for finding scholarly information.
- Record the title of the web site you're evaluating: _____
- Record the date you accessed the site you're evaluating: _____
- Record the URL of the site: HTTP:// _____
- What is the domain of the page? **.com, .edu, .gov, .org, .net**
- What type of site is it?
commercial, personal, nonprofit, news, database, discussion list, or other
- Is the site complete or still under construction? _____
- Determine who the author of page(s) is: _____
- Determine who is sponsoring the page: _____
- When was the page published or last updated? _____

Now continue your evaluation of content as you would for other information sources.

Authority

- What are the author's credentials, other publications?
- Is the author an expert in the field they write about?
- Is the author referred by other authors and experts? Has your instructor mentioned the author?
- Is the author affiliated with an organization, institution, or university?
- Who is the publisher and what is their reputation?
- What are the author's credentials, other publications?

Accuracy & Objectivity

- Does the source state objectives? Does it meet these objectives?
- Does the source present facts, opinions, or propaganda? Does it present a mix of these?
- Can you identify any lapses in reasoning or logical fallacies?
- Is the information clearly organized and free from errors of punctuation, grammar, and spelling?
- Are points supported by evidence? Is evidence cited and documented?

