

## Evaluating Web Sites - Criteria Worksheet

**Title of Web site/page/article:**

**URL:**

Criteria	Your evaluation
<b>Relevant/Useful?</b> How might the information on the page be useful for your project?	
<b>Current/up to date?</b> Is the information on the page current? (What is the date?) could say updated or revised Does it matter? (for your particular topic)	
<b>Authoritative?</b> Who is the author?	
What does the author tell you about him or herself?	
Why do you feel the author is knowledgeable about the topic? (look for his/her credentials and/or experience?)	
Has he/she published other books or papers on the topic?	
What group is responsible for the Web site other than the author? (Is it a government body? a company? an educational institution? a research institution? an individual? other?)	
Is the information well written? (look for errors in spelling and grammar?)	
<b>Email link provided?</b> Is there an email link so you can ask questions and make comments?	
<b>Biased?</b> Is the purpose of the site to inform or sell	
Is the site expressing opinions rather than facts?	
Does it only reflect one point of view? (when there could be opposing viewpoints)	

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