

Name: _____ Teacher _____ Period _____

WEB PAGE EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Circle the appropriate answer or fill in the blank as indicated.

Title of web page/site _____

URL - http:// _____

1. Look at the URL

What type of domain is it? com org/net gov/mil/us edu non-US _____ other _____

Is this a personal page (see “~”, “%”, “.name” in the URL)? Y N

2. Consider WHO is responsible for the information. (Authority)

Author's name? _____

Information about the author's education, training or expertise is provided? Y N

Are the author's qualifications relevant to the topic ? Y N

Name of sponsoring agency, organization, company or institution? _____

Is there a link to more information about the sponsor? Y N

Is this sponsor a recognizable authority to you on the topic? Y N

3. Consider WHEN the information was published. (Currency)

Identify date (if provided) _____

Does a current date matter for the topic? Y N

4. Consider WHAT information the site provides. (Content)

Is the content clearly labeled and well-organized? Y N

Is there enough detail/depth of material to adequately cover topic? Y N

Is content free of bias (or is easily detected)? Y N

Is the material copyrighted? Y N
Copyright date given _____

Does the information appear to be accurate based on previous knowledge? Y N

Does the source provide a bibliography or footnotes for support? Y N

Is information consistent with information provided in other sources? Y N

Are graphics appropriate and relevant to material	?	Y	N
Are grammar and spelling correct?		Y	N
Are there working links to other sources related to content?		Y	N
Has the site been rated or won any awards by an an outside evaluating source?		Y	N

5. Consider WHY the web site was published? (Purpose)

Why was this page put on the web? inform persuade sell entertain other_____

Who is the target audience for this page? children young adults general public professionals

Does the content effectively achieve its purpose(s)? Y N

Based on the total of “yes” and “no” answers and your overall observations, rate the content of this site as:

very useful

somewhat useful

not useful

Summarize what information on this site is important to your research? _____
