

## CHECKLIST FOR EVALUATING WEB RESOURCES

Site or page title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Org.: \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your reason for choosing this site or page:

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Evaluate the content of the site or page using the criteria below.

Check the “Y” column for yes; the “N” column for no; and the “N/A” column for not applicable.

	Y	N	N/A
<b>AUTHORITY</b>			
It is clear who is responsible for the contents of the site or page.			
There is a link to a page describing the purpose of the sponsoring organization, e.g., “About Us”			
There is a way of verifying the legitimacy of the page’s sponsor (e.g., phone number or address).			
The author’s qualifications are clearly stated.			
<b>ACCURACY</b>			
The sources of any factual information are clearly listed so they can be verified in another source.			
The information is consistent with similar information in other sources.			
The information is free of grammatical, spelling, and typographical errors.			
It is clear who has the ultimate responsibility for the accuracy of the content of the material.			
Any charts or graphs are clearly labeled and easy to read.			
<b>OBJECTIVITY</b>			
The content is free of bias, or the bias is easy to detect.			
The information is provided as a public service (i.e., not for commercial purposes).			
The website is free of advertising, including pop-up ads.			
If there is any advertising associated with the page, it is clearly differentiated from the informational content.			
<b>CURRENCY</b>			
The date the page was first placed on the Web is clearly indicated.			
The date of the last revision of the page is indicated.			
The time when graphically presented data was gathered is clearly stated.			
Links to other sites are current and working properly.			
<b>QUALITY</b>			
The content is complete (i.e., not still under construction).			
The content is well organized.			
The information is easy to understand.			
The site offers sufficient information for my purposes.			
The site provides interactivity to increase its usefulness.			