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Internet Resource Evaluation Checklist

Complete the following chart to assess the quality of Internet resources.

Web Site Title _____

URL _____

Criteria	Checklist	Your Assessment
<p>Accuracy</p> <p>The most important part of evaluating a Web site is checking the accuracy of the source and content. The foremost rule in checking accuracy is to validate the information in more than one source. The back-up source can be another Web site or a print source. Preferably, a reputable company or knowledgeable person in the field will publish one of the sources.</p>	<p>Are the facts on the site documented?</p> <p>Can you validate these facts on another Web site or print source?</p> <p>Is more than one source used for background information within the site?</p> <p>Does the site contain a bibliography?</p> <p>Are the links within the site appropriate? Are they up-to-date?</p> <p>Was any significant information omitted?</p> <p>Is the article biased? If so, is the bias presented as fact or opinion?</p>	
<p>Authority</p> <p>Two things to consider when evaluating the authority of a site are 1) the author and the text and 2) the publisher or sponsor of the site.</p>	<p>Does a reputable company or person in the field publish the site?</p> <p>Is the author clearly identified or credited?</p> <p>Is the author or publisher easily accessible through an e-mail or postal address?</p>	
<p>Usefulness</p> <p>When investigating a broad topic, be sure to read through all the information on the site.</p>	<p>Does the site address the topic?</p> <p>Is the information about the topic comprehensive, or is it just a superficial treatment?</p> <p>Does the site contain links to other sources that address the topic?</p>	

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<p>Age of Resource</p> <p>This is not always an issue in evaluating a site. For example, information on the development of stage design in the 1800s will stay much the same whether it was printed yesterday or three years ago. However, researching a current event requires the most current information possible. When evaluating the site, take into consideration when the information was published and when the site was last updated.</p>	<p>Is the information on the site current?</p>	
<p>Presentation</p> <p>Even though presentation of a site doesn't necessarily indicate the validity of its information, it does affect an evaluation of the site. The presentation of information on a site is important not only because it creates a first impression on the user, but also because it affects how easily the information can be accessed and documented.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the information easy to access?• Is the design appealing?• Does the organization make sense?• Are the sections properly labeled?	

My final analysis of this site:
