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Web Site/Page Evaluation

Name of Site: ________________________________________________________________

URL: http://_________________________________________________________________

1. Credibility/Authority (Who is responsible for creating/maintaining the page?)
   1. Is a specific author given for the specific information you used from the website? □ Yes □ No
   Write the name of person or group/agency/organization responsible for the content of your website:
   ________________________________________________________________

   2. Is the author’s E-mail address included on the page? □ Yes □ No

   3. The author is associated with:
      □ K-12 school  □ university  □ government agency  □ organization  □ company
      □ other: ________________________________________________________________

   4. Does the author have the knowledge or experience to write about the subject? Is any information, such as education, degrees, experience, honors/awards, given about the author to help you decide this?
      □ Yes □ No

   Rate the Authority: (1=Poor  5=Exceptional)  1 2 3 4 5

2. Currency (How up-to-date is the information?)
   1. When was the page created? ________________________________________________

   2. When was the most recent update? __________________________________________

   3. What is the copyright date given? __________________________________________

   4. Does up-to-date information make a difference for your project? □ Yes □ No

   Rate the Currency: (1=Really old  5=up-to-the-minute) 1 2 3 4 5

3. Accuracy & Content
   1. Is the information clear and easy to read and understand, or too technical or hard to understand?
      ________________________________

   2. Can you tell if the information is FACT or OPINION? __________________________

   3. Is the information a primary source, secondary source or a combination? __________

   4. Does the site have a viewpoint or bias? (Does it use emotive language?) □ Yes □ No

   5. Is a bibliography given for the author’s information? □ Yes □ No

   6. Does the information contradict information you found elsewhere? □ Yes □ No

   Rate the Accuracy & Content: (1=difficult & biased  5=easy & accurate) 1 2 3 4 5

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4. **Scope (depth of coverage of subject)**
   1. Does the website have a proper title? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   2. Did you find enough information about your topic at this site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   3. Are you positive the information was true? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   4. Does the website go into depth rather than just skim the surface? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   5. Could you have found the information more quickly in a book or a web site? ________________

   **Rate the Coverage (1=limited, questionable information  5=lots of accurate information)** 1 2 3 4 5

5. **Organization, Ease of Use**
   1. Does the page load quickly? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   2. Do the **internal links** allow you to move around the web site easily and return to the homepage easily? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   3. Do **external links** connect you to **other valuable sites** on the subject? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   **Rate the Organization: (1=slow, hard to navigate  5=speedy, effortless navigation)**

6. **Overall Web Page Evaluation:**
   Use your answers to the questions above to give the website an overall rating: 1 2 3 4 5
   Would you recommend this website to a **teacher** to use as an example of an “Exceptional Website?”
   Why or why not?

   **Rate the Website: How helpful was the web site for your research? (1=useless  5=exceptional)** 1 2 3 4 5