

**Web Research Guide**  
**Evaluating a Web Site**

Name of Site: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Critical Questions</b>	<b>My Notes</b>
<p><b>Who wrote/published the information on the site?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who is the author/publisher?</li><li>• Does the author provide contact information?</li><li>• What are the author's credentials?</li><li>• Is the site created or sponsored by a reputable organization?</li></ul>	
<p><b>What information and resources does the site provide?</b></p> <p><b>Content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the site's purpose: to persuade, inform, or entertain?</li><li>• Is the information on the site objective or biased?</li><li>• Does the site provide thorough coverage of the topic?</li><li>• Is the information on the site well written? Are there misspellings or grammatical errors?</li><li>• Does the site provide a works cited page?</li><li>• Does the site include multimedia elements that help explain the topic?</li></ul> <p><b>Navigation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is the site organized and easy to navigate?</li><li>• Does the design suit the purpose?</li><li>• Are there ads that might distract me?</li><li>• Does the site take a long time to load?</li></ul>	

## Evaluating a Web Site, continued

Critical Questions	My Notes
<p><b>When was the site created/last updated?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the site indicate when it was first created and last updated?</li><li>• Do the links work, or do they lead to error messages, such as "Page Not Found" ?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Where does the site "live"?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the extension in the URL?</li><li>• What, if anything, does the extension tell me about the source of the site?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Why should I use this site?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do the resources on this site meet all my needs?</li><li>• Is the information verifiable, in-depth, and up to date?</li><li>• Why is this Web site a better research source than some of the other sites I've already visited?</li></ul>	
<p><b>Additional Notes/Comments</b></p>	