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## Web Site Evaluation

Because you can't believe everything on the Internet

URL \_\_\_\_\_

Title of site \_\_\_\_\_

Date of publication or last update \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring organization \_\_\_\_\_

(This will appear on the home page of this web site.)

Author of Site (Webmaster) \_\_\_\_\_

Rate the web site you are using with the criteria below. Five (5) is the highest rating indicating that the site is excellent in that category. One (1) is the lowest indicating the site is weak/poor in that category.

**Accuracy-** 5 4 3 2 1

Does the page cite references for the information it provides? Can the information be verified with other resources? Does the source contain obvious inaccuracies?

**Authority-** 5 4 3 2 1

What credentials are listed for the author? What institution sponsors/owns the site? Is it a credible organization? (.gov –government), (.edu-educational), (.uk-United Kingdom) check <http://www.networksolutions.com/whois/index.jsp>

**Coverage-** 5 4 3 2 1

How unique is the coverage of information in the site or is it information that could be found easily in library reference material?

How much does the information in the site increase your knowledge of the topic?

**Currency-** 5 4 3 2 1

How up-to-date is the information? Are There any dead links?

**Objectivity-** 5 4 3 2 1

Evaluate the site lower if a yes applies to the following.

Is the web site trying to persuade you to think a certain way or giving you a personal view? Is the site an advertising site? (.com- commercial)

**Total Rating** \_\_\_\_\_ /25

The total rating should be at least 20 in order for you to consider using the site as a source.