

20 Questions for Web Site Evaluation

Name of Site _____ Date _____

Web Site URL: _____ Your name: _____

DESIGN

- Is the site is visually pleasing, with good use of graphics and color? Yes No
- Are the contents clearly listed? Yes No
- Can you search the site? Yes No
- Can you use the site without giving personal information? Yes No
- Do all the links work? Yes No
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AUTHORITY

- Are the author's name and credentials stated? Yes No
- Has the author documented his/her own research by citing sources? Yes No
- Is there an email address for the author? Yes No
- Do reputable web sites link to this one? (Type the URL in *Google* to find out.) Yes No
- Is the name of the host institution or organization given? Yes No
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PURPOSE

- Is the purpose of the Web page clearly stated? Yes No
- Are all points of view of a controversial topic presented? Yes No
- Does the information seem objective and unbiased? Yes No
- Can you distinguish facts from the author's opinion? Yes No
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CONTENT

- Does the site give thorough information about the topic? Yes No
- Is it well-written and grammatically correct? Yes No
- Can you tell when the information was created? Yes No
- Was the page updated recently? Yes No
- Are there useful links to additional resources? Yes No
- Do you think this Web site is valuable for school research? Yes No
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Score one point for each YES answer. Total Possible Points = 20

SCORE: _____