

Web Page Evaluation Worksheet

Names: _____

Topic _____

Website URL	Page Title
AUTHOR: Authority	
Look at the URL and determine the domain. Is it appropriate for the content? Hint: edu, org, gov, com, net, tilde (~) for personal page	
Identify an author. Hint: Person or group?	
Is the author an expert on the subject? Hint: Is there a personal biography? Is the group described? ("About Us" link?) What are their credentials?	
Can you contact the author?	
CONTENT: Accuracy	
Is the information original or borrowed? If borrowed, are the sources well documented? Hint: Is there a bibliography?	
CONTENT: Comprehensiveness	
Are there links to other sites for additional information? Do they work?	
CONTENT: Objectivity	
Is the site factual and objective or does it have a point of view or bias? Hint: Are any "red flag" words, graphics or colors used? Do the sources use absolute statements or superlatives as "always" or "never" ? Why was the page put on the Web? Hint: Inform? Explain? Persuade? Sell? Entertain?	
CONTENT: Currency	
Does the page have a date when it was created or updated?	
CONCLUSION / EVALUATION	
Is the page appropriate for your purposes? Is the web page as good as (or better than) what you could find in journal articles or books that are not on the free, general web?	