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Library Research Project Evaluation Form: Web page

Citation Information for Bibliography or Works Cited Page:

Author or Group responsible for web page or web site:

Title of Web page:

URL of Web Page:

Date you accessed the Web page:

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Authority (Circle as many as are applicable) – note reasons for choices in an evaluative sentence.

Author(s) listed Author's credentials provided Publisher(s) listed Publisher's credentials provided
Links relevant to content Bibliography/works cited included Phone number/postal address included

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Purpose - note reasons for choices in an evaluative sentence.

What does the URL tell you about the Web page? .gov .net .com .edu .mil /~ .org

What is the purpose of the Web page? Inform Entertain Persuade Other (Explain)

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Timeliness (Circle one answer for each question) – note reasons for choices in an evaluative sentence.

Is the copyright date appropriate for your research subject? Yes No
Is the information in this page likely to be outdated? Yes No

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Point of View / Bias – note reasons for choices in an evaluative sentence.

Sometimes it is possible to determine the author's point of view and/or potential bias by reading information that is included in the Web site about the author. Can you determine anything about the author's point of view or potential bias?
Yes No

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Relevancy to Research: Is this Web page relevant to your information needs? Yes No

How does the information in this Web page compare with the other sources you are using for this project? (Circle 1)
Better Equivalent Inferior Can't Decide Other (Explain)

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Evaluation – Provide a paragraph descriptive evaluation, based on the guidelines listed on the back of this page which discusses why you believe this would be a quality web site to use for your research paper.

Web Page Evaluation Guidelines and Checklist

Look at the URL: What type of domain is it from (circle): com, org, mil, gov, net, edu. Other?	
Type of Page: Is this a personal page or website?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ~ , %, users, members, or people <input type="checkbox"/> No
Who published the website?	
Authority - Scan the website looking for answers to these questions:	
Author of the page:	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail address <input type="checkbox"/> Name of person
Currency: Date listed – when created or updated?	Date _____ Is this current enough?
Credentials on this subject? (truncate back to the main domain)	Evidence of credentials listed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What are they?
Indicators of Quality: Are the sources well documented?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes List documentation used: <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the information presented complete? Is it 2 nd hand or does it appear to be altered or forged?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there anything on the page that makes you think the information presented is deceptive—or that not all the facts are provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there links to additional resources? Do these links work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there other viewpoints presented? Are they biased or one-sided?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Who is linking to this page? (Hint: In a Google search, type link: then all or part of url)	<input type="checkbox"/> Many sites link <input type="checkbox"/> Few sites link Opinion of sites linked?
Does it all add up? Why do you think this?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Why was the page put on the web?	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform, provide facts, data <input type="checkbox"/> Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Share/disclose information <input type="checkbox"/> Entice
Is it possibly ironic or providing satire or parody?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the web page as good (or better than) what you could find in journal articles or other published literature that is not on the free, open web?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No