

Web Page Evaluation Scale

Rating the Reliability of Internet Content

Name: _____

Date: _____

Web Page Title: _____

Web Site Title: _____

URL: _____ Date retrieved: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Read each question and circle 'Y' or 'N' based on your observations. Count the total number of 'Y' responses and rate your resource on the scale found below the questionnaire.

Did the page come from one of our library subscription databases?	Y	N	If YES, skip to end – your resource PASSES
Did the page come from a national/state agency? Examples include: Library of Congress, Smithsonian, or CIA (usually have a .gov URL address)	Y	N	If YES, skip to end – your resource PASSES
Is the information consistent with other reputable sources?	Y	N	If no, find another source. Otherwise, continue below.
Who is the author of the page? Is the author qualified to write on the topic? Is contact information listed? (To answer Y, all answers must agree)	Y	N	Author: Author's qualifications:
Is it easy to determine the topic of the page? Does the information match your search?	Y	N	Topic:
Is there a recent revision/copyright date? Is the information on the page current?	Y	N	Copyright or revision Date:
Did a credible source (e.g. subscription database, national agency, etc.) direct you (link) to this page? (Internet search engines do not count!)	Y	N	What source?
Is the sponsoring organization reliable? Does the web address support a legitimate source? Are you able to go to the home page to help support the reliability? .org .edu .com .gov .mil .net (circle one)	Y	N	Sponsoring Organization: NOTE: .edu does not always signify a good source. In fact, any organization can buy a .org URL address.
Are links on the page relevant? Do the links function properly?	Y	N	
Does the site contain the depth of content you need? Is it easy to navigate? Is the site complete?	Y	N	
Does the web site seem free of opinion? If an opinion is stated, are both sides of the issue clearly addressed?	Y	N	There are times when a clearly opinionated web site is exactly what you need (e.g. 10th grade oratory) If this is the case, circle Y.
If the page has images, are the images free of manipulation?	Y	N	If no images, circle Y.
Does the page list a bibliography or cite its resources?	Y	N	
Is the page free of advertisements? Distracting visuals?	Y	N	

Rate your Web Page!

How many Ys?	Better try another page...	Use with reservation	Good source of info.
How Many Ys?	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9	10 11 12