

The URL for my site is: _____

Answer the following questions about your site:

- a. Domain name: .org .com .edu .gov .net .mil .other
b. Title: _____
c. Subject of the page: _____

Author:

1. Who is the author of this page? _____
2. Is occupation, years of education, position or experience listed? YES NO Uncertain
3. Is the author affiliated with any organization or institution? YES NO Uncertain
If so, which one? _____
4. Is there a way to contact the author or sponsor of the page? YES NO Uncertain
5. Does the author have any qualifications to write on this topic? YES NO Uncertain
If so, what are these qualifications? _____

Sponsoring Organization/Group:

6. Can you tell which institution or service provides this information? YES NO Uncertain
7. Is there an easy way to find out more about the organization or its goals? YES NO Uncertain
8. Is the author affiliated with the organization/service? YES NO Uncertain
9. Does the organization appear to filter/moderate the information? YES NO Uncertain
10. How is information selected/chosen for inclusion on this site? _____

Currency:

11. When was this page created or copyrighted? _____
12. When was the last update of this page? _____
13. Is the intent of the site to provide the latest information? YES NO Uncertain
14. Is the intent to provide general or historical information? YES NO Uncertain
15. Are the links to other sites working and useful? YES NO Uncertain

Content:

16. Is there any advertising on the page? YES NO Uncertain
17. Does the author express personal opinion? YES NO Uncertain
18. Is the information one-sided either *Pro* or *Con*? Does the author try to persuade the reader rather than reporting objective facts? YES NO Uncertain
19. Does the page give the source(s) from which the information was gathered? YES NO Uncertain
20. Who is the intended audience for this page? _____

Evaluation or Critical Thinking:

Using your group’s answers to the above questions, and your observations as you researched the Web site, evaluate the site for its appropriateness for scholarly research. Each person in your group will be asked to report on one of the following questions. You may be asked to turn in your written answers.

1. Would the information be useful to a student doing research for a class paper, project, speech, or report? Why or why not?

2. Would you be able to recommend this site to a classmate and explain why it would be a useful resource?

3. What reservations or cautions might you have about using this site as a resource for an assignment?

4. What kind of research paper or project would you recommend this site for?

5. What was the motive for putting-up this site?
