

# Evaluating Websites: A Checklist

## Authority

- Is there an author? Is the page signed?
- Is the author qualified? An expert?
- Is a sponsor or institution indicated?
- Is the sponsor or institution reputable?
- Is there a link to information about the author or sponsor / institution?
- If the page does not include a signature or indicate a sponsor, is there any other way to determine its origin?

## Accuracy

- Is the information reliable and error-free?
- Is there an editor or someone who verifies/checks the information?

## Objectivity

- Does the information seem free from bias, or support information found elsewhere?
- If the page does seem biased, was it designed to sway opinion?
- Is the page free from advertising?

## Currency

- Is the page dated?
- Is the last update current?
- Are the links up-to-date?

## Content

- Is the purpose of the page indicated?
- Does the page indicate the intended audience?
- Have you verified what other resources (print and electronic) are available in this subject area?
- Are the page's links relevant?

## Structure

- Do the graphics serve a purpose?
- Is there a link back to the home page from subsequent pages?

## Gather the following information:

Author's Name:

Title of the Document:

Publication Information (includes title of the site, the date of publication or latest update, and the name of any sponsoring institution or organization):

Date of Access:

URL: