Web Site Evaluation Checklist

Name of the site: ______________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
Date Accessed: _______________________________
How did you find this site? ____________________________________________

AUTHOR

Who is the author of the page? __________________________________________
Is the author the original creator of the information?  y / n ______________________

AUTHORITY:
Does the author list his or her occupation, years of experience, position, or education?
   y / n ______________________________________________________________
With this information or lack of it, do you feel this person is qualified to write on the
topic?  y / n __________________________________________________________

AFFILIATION:
Domain of the page: .com___ .edu___ .gov___ .net___ .org___ other (specify) ______
Is the author affiliated with any group or organization or institution?  y / n
   What is it? __________________________________________________________
If it is a commercial Internet provider, does the author appear to have any affiliation with
   a larger institution?  y / n ____________________________________________
If it is an institution, is it a national institution?  y / n ____________________________
Does the institution appear to filter the information appearing under its name?  y / n
Does the author's affiliation with this particular institution appear to bias the information?
   y / n  explain: ___________________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________
**INTENT**

What appears to be the purpose for this information/page? ______________________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

For example:
- Inform, e.g. new information, current events, etc
- Explain, e.g. describe a process, teach, etc
- Persuade, e.g. change your mind, convince you to buy, etc

*Explain:* ______________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

**INTENDED AUDIENCE**

Who appears to be the intended audience for this information/page? _______________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

**RELIABILITY**

How reliable does the information provided seem? ____________________________

*Explain:* ______________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

**CURRENTNESS**

When was the information created or last updated? ____________________________

**CONCLUSIONS**

Given all the criteria you determined from above, is the information provided by this site appropriate for your information need? *y / n  explain:* _______________________

If yes, explain your decision and any reservations you would tell someone else using this information. __________________________________________________
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