

Website Evaluation Checklist

WHAT information are you getting?	Circle One	
Can you tell if the site is fact or opinion? (watch for opinion words like <i>always</i> , <i>never</i> , <i>least</i> , <i>best</i> , <i>greatest</i> , <i>worst</i> , <i>all</i> , <i>none</i> , <i>should</i> or <i>most</i>)	YES	NO
Can you easily tell the difference between ads and content?	YES	NO
Is the tone calm and fair? (sites that are mean or angry are usually opinion)	YES	NO
Is the site's domain .edu, .net, .org, .gov, or .com?	YES	NO
Are there multiple points of view represented?	YES	NO
Is the tone serious?	YES	NO
Can information be verified through other sources?	YES	NO
Can you follow all of the links to another real page?	YES	NO
Does the site have more than just a top layer of pages?	YES	NO

WHO created the page and is the author?	Circle One	
Is the author identified by name?	YES	NO
Is the author's biography or credentials available?	YES	NO
Is there contact information?	YES	NO
Is there an About Us section?	YES	NO
Is the site free of spelling mistakes?	YES	NO

WHEN was the content published?	Circle One	
Is the site current?	YES	NO
Has the site been updated recently?	YES	NO
Can you find the date of the article?	YES	NO

How many times did you circle YES? _____ out of 16

Adapted from Is This a Hoax http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/1135_hoax.pdf and Identifying High Quality Sites https://d2e111jq13me73.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/6-8-unit3-identifyinghighqualitysites-8_2016.pdf