



UMS Website Evaluation Form

Student Name: _____ Class: _____ Teacher: _____

URL: www. _____ Date viewed: _____

This evaluation form must be filled out for all websites you want to use in your research unless the website meets the automatic "pass" requirements below:

- A) The website is from one of our online subscription databases = automatic "pass"
- B) The website is from a list of bookmarked websites given to you by your teacher = automatic "pass"

Authority	Can you find the author of the page? Is contact information listed?	Yes	No	Author: Title:
	Is there enough information given about the author to show he/she is qualified to write on the topic?	Yes	No	
	Is the site's domain .edu, .net, .org, .mil, or .gov? (If you see a ~ in the URL, it may be a personal site, not an official site. Also be careful with sites that end in a slash (/) or in .htm or .html)	Yes	No	
	Did a credible source (i.e. subscription database, national agency, etc.) link to this page?	Yes	No	Source:
Accuracy	Does the site list a bibliography or cite its sources?	Yes	No	
	Is the site without spelling, typographical, and grammatical errors?	Yes	No	
	Are the sources of the facts, photos, and data documented? If there are photographs, can you tell that they have not been altered?	Yes	No	
	Is the information consistent with other credible sources?	Yes	No	
Bias	Does the website seem free of opinion? If an opinion is stated, are both sides of the issue clearly addressed?	Yes	No	
	Is the site free of absolute words ("always" or "never") or superlatives ("best" or "worst")? Also watch for emotional-rousing words.	Yes	No	
	Is the site free of advertisements? Are you able to view it without filling out a registration?	Yes	No	
Currency	Is there a recent revision/copyright date?	Yes	No	Copyright/Revision Date:
	Is the information on the site current?	Yes	No	
	Do all the links on the site function properly?	Yes	No	
Coverage	Does the site load quickly? Is it easy to navigate? Is the site complete?	Yes	No	
	Is it easy to determine the topic and purpose of the site? Are there useful headings and subheadings on the pages of the site?	Yes	No	Topic:
	Is the design of the site professional? Is it easy to read? Does it have a search feature?	Yes	No	
	Are the links annotated or explanatory? Are the links on the site relevant?	Yes	No	
	Is the information useful for your research? Does it contain enough information?	Yes	No	

Count each Yes you circled.	Does NOT Pass. Better look again										Could go either way. May use if facts can be backed up by another source.					This site passes! Good source of info.			
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Page Rating																			