

Name: _____ Date: _____



CRITICAL EVALUATION OF A WEB SITE
MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL
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1. What grade are you in? _____ Are you using an iOS or Android tablet? Y N

2. What Web browser are you using? _____

3. What is the URL of the Web page you are evaluating?

4. What is the name of the site? _____

| Part 1: Looking at and using the page | YES | NO |
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| As you look at the questions below, put an X in the yes or no column for each. | | |
| Does the page take a long time to load? | | |
| Are the pictures on the page helpful? | | |
| Is each section of the page labeled with a heading? | | |
| Did the author sign his/her real name? | | |
| Did the author give you his/her e-mail address? | | |
| Is there a date on the page that tells you when it was last updated? | | |
| Is there an image map (big picture with links) on the page? | | |
| Does the Web page display well in your browser? | | |
| Are there distracting advertisements on the site you are using? | | |
| If you go to another page on the site, can you get back to the main page? | | |
| Are there photographs on the page? | | |
| • If so, can you be sure that photographs have not been changed by the author? | | |
| • If you're not sure, should you accept the photos as true? | | |

Summary of Part One

Using the data you have collected above, write a paragraph explaining why you would or wouldn't recommend this site to a friend for use with a project.

| Part 2: What's on the page and who put it there? As you look at the questions below, put an X in the yes or no column for each. | YES | NO |
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| Does the title of the page tell you what it is about? | | |
| Is there a paragraph on the page explaining what it is about? | | |
| Is the information on the page useful for your project? • If not, what can you do next? _____ | | |
| Would you have gotten more information from an encyclopedia or online database? | | |
| Can you tell if the information on the page is current? | | |
| Does up-to-date information make a difference for your project? | | |
| Does the page lead you to some other good information (links)? | | |
| Does the author of the page present some information you disagree with? | | |
| Does the author of the page present some information that you think is wrong? | | |
| Does some information contradict information you found elsewhere? | | |
| Does the author use some absolute words (like "always" or "never")? | | |
| Does the author use superlative words (like the "best" or "worst")? | | |
| Does the author tell you about him/herself? | | |
| Do you feel that the author is knowledgeable about the topic? Are you positive the information is true? • What can you do to prove the information is true? _____ _____ _____ | | |
| Summary of Part Two Looking at the data you have collected in part two, compose a note to the author of the Web site explaining how you are going to use the Web site in your project and your opinion is of the page's content. _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | | |