

Rating Web Sites for Your Research Project

(Do Not Use for sites that you want to buy from. Ask a responsible adult for help.)

Your Project _____ Date _____

Your Name _____

Website URL _____

Website Title _____

Rating	0	1	2	Score
Is the author or organization's name easy to find?	Cannot Find It	Hard to Find	Easy to Find	
Can you tell if the information is reliable? (Check for "about this" link or equivalent)	None Given	Names of the Writers Given	Names and Qualifications of the Writers Given	
What kinds of contact information are given? (E-mail, Mailing Address, Phone Numbers)	None	One	Two or more	
Can you find the date the site was copyrighted or created/revised?	None, or Too Old to Be Useful	Recent Enough Copyright Date Only	Recent Enough Creation/Revision Date	
Try 3 links. How many of the links worked?	None Worked	One Worked	Two or Three Worked	
How is the spelling and grammar?	So Many Major Errors That It's Hard to Read	Some Major Errors	Only Minor Errors Found	
Can you read and understand the text?	I Need Help to Read It	I Only Need Help to Understand It	I Can Read and Understand It	
Is the information useful for your research?	Not Useful	Might Be Useful	Very Useful	
Does the site layout help or get in the way of finding information?	Too Distracting (ads, animations, useless graphics)	The Layout Does Not Bother Me	The Layout Helps Me Find Information	
Total				

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