

Identifying Web Sites Useful 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 _____

	Criteria	Comments
1.	Does the web site or web page have useful information that you can understand?	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Is it clear who created this web site or web page and does the source appear to be reliable? (Check for "about this" link or equivalent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Does the site have contact information about the author or sponsoring organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	If the web site claims to be factual, does it provide sources for the information used? If it expresses an opinion, does it provide credible background information?	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	If the web site claims to be factual, does it appear to be free of bias? If it is opinion, does it provide links to alternate views?	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Are there reasons to doubt the accuracy of factual information on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Do the ads on the page interfere with your ability to find what you're looking for?	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Do the images, photos, charts, and other graphics support or interfere with its content?	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	If it is a large web site, can you search within the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Does the web site or web page have a creation, update, or copyright date?	<input type="checkbox"/>