**Evaluating Websites – Questions to Ask**

**Information about the Website:**

1. Title of Webpage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. URL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Domain of webpage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the following questions as you examine the webpage:**

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| **AUTHORITY** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Is an author or­­­­ editor listed? |  |  |
| Did the author/editor provide an email address? |  |  |
| Did the author/editor tell you anything about him/herself? |  |  |
| Do you feel the author/editor is knowledgeable about the topic? |  |  |
| Can you find out who is the publisher or sponsor of the site? |  |  |
| Do you feel the publisher or sponsor is reputable? |  |  |
| **CONTENT** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Does the title of the webpage tell you what it is about? |  |  |
| Is there a paragraph on the page telling you what it is about? |  |  |
| Is the information on the page objective (just stated as facts) or biased (trying to influence you to think one way)? |  |  |
| Is the information useful for your project? |  |  |
| Does the page lead you to other good information (links)? |  |  |
| Can you understand what the author/editor is saying? |  |  |
| Does the content on the page skim the surface of the topic? |  |  |
| Does the content on the page adequately cover the topic? |  |  |
| Are resources listed so you can see where the author/editor found the information? |  |  |
| Does any of the information on this page contradict information you found elsewhere? |  |  |
| **CURRENCY** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Is there a date on the page that tells you when it was last updated? |  |  |
| Does up-to-date information make a difference for your project? |  |  |

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| **MECHANICS** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Are there spelling or grammatical errors on the page? |  |  |
| Do the links work? |  |  |
| Are there too many ads on the page making it distracting? |  |  |
| Is it easy to find what you want on the page? |  |  |
| Are the pictures on the page helpful? |  |  |
| Does the page take a long time to load? |  |  |
| If you go to another page on the site, can you get back to the main page? |  |  |