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Research Topic: _____

Web Page Evaluation Checklist

Use this form to help you evaluate the credibility/reliability of two specific web pages. Where there are check boxes, put a check; where there are blanks, write in your answers.

Title of page you are evaluating:		
Info from the url		
What type of domain does it have?	<input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> .edu <input type="checkbox"/> .org/net <input type="checkbox"/> .gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> .edu <input type="checkbox"/> .org/net <input type="checkbox"/> .gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Is that type usually reliable?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Look at the top and bottom of the page (or in the middle) to answer:		
Who wrote the information?		
Do they list their contact info?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
How do you know if they are experts on the topic?		
When was the information updated last? (or created)		
Is that current enough for your research?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the author cite his/her sources?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the site include working links to other helpful pages?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Using your logic		
Is the web page serious or a joke?	<input type="checkbox"/> Serious <input type="checkbox"/> Joke	<input type="checkbox"/> Serious <input type="checkbox"/> Joke
Why is the page online?	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Entice <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Entice <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
What is the author's goal?		
How does that goal influence the way he/she arranged the information?		
THE BIG QUESTION: IS THIS WEB PAGE RELIABLE FOR MY RESEARCH?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO