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Web Site Evaluation Checklist

Title of site/page: _____

URL: _____

1. Can you tell who wrote the material and are the author's qualifications stated? Yes No
Author's name _____
Qualifications _____
2. Are there dates on the page to indicate when it was written? When it was last revised? Yes No
Are there any other indications that the material is kept current or frequently updated?
Creation date _____
Date of last revision _____
3. Is there an institution/organization associated with this material giving it credibility? Yes No
Name of institution/organization _____
4. Is there a way of verifying the legitimacy of this institution/organization such as a phone number or an address? (an e-mail address is really not enough). Yes No
Sponsor's address/phone number _____
5. Does the information presented agree with other information you have found on the topic? Yes No
If the information presented cannot be verified in other, reliable sources, it could be someone's opinion and not based on fact.
6. Are the sources for factual information listed so they can be verified elsewhere if necessary (is there a bibliography)? Yes No
If the sources for factual information are not listed, the page may still be useful to you as an example of ideas, but you may not want to use it as a source.
7. Is the information objective? Was the information provided as a public service or are they trying to sell you something? Is it free of advertising? If there is advertising, is it clearly differentiated from the information? Yes No
8. Is the information free of grammatical, spelling, and other errors? Yes No
Errors indicate a lack of quality control, and can actually produce inaccuracies in information.
9. Is the page's general appearance professional? Yes No
Blinking text, lots of animated graphics, overpowering background images make a page look amateurish which could be a reflection of the author and his or her content knowledge.

Too many 'No's and you should reconsider using the page/site as a source of information.