

William Annin Middle School Media Center
WEB SITE EVALUATION Form and WORKS CITED Information

Your Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Period: _____ DUE: _____

Directions: Complete a separate form for *each* Internet *webpage* that you use as a source for your project.

READ each statement. If the answer is **YES** for your webpage, then check off on the line at the right. **ALL** statements **MUST** be checked off in order to convince yourself that this is a *reliable* webpage.

WHO is the source of the information?

1. Can you find an author and/or a sponsoring organization/publisher? _____
2. Are they knowledgeable or experienced in the topic that the webpage is about?
(*Look for a tab or link to author/organization information – often called “About Us”. READ IT!*) _____
3. Is there a way to contact the author/organization by phone, email, or street address?
(*Look for a tab or link to contact information – often called “Contact Us” or look at bottom of page.*) _____

WHEN was the web page created or updated?

4. Is the web page fairly current and/or does it appear to be maintained by its author/organization?
(*Look for last updated date or copyright date*) - *Does your topic require current information?* _____

WHAT type of information is provided and in what format?

5. Is the information on this Web site well organized with few grammatical errors? _____
6. Is the information on this Web site **factual** and respectful, not somebody’s opinion? _____

WHERE does the web page originate?

7. Is the **home page** from a **credible** web site? [It is NOT a site which gives free web page storage for anyone, a free essay/term paper site or someone’s personal or school web page.]
(*Look at the URL – Beware of “.net”, about.com, angelfire, or URLs that have a tilde (~), or percentage sign (%) in them.*) _____

Write the **HOME PAGE** URL (address) here (Ex. <http://www.nasa.gov>): **http://**_____

WHY are you using this web page?

8. Is the **purpose** of the web site to **inform** (not advertise or entertain?) _____

Identify (or cite) your webpage source:

Author(s) (If no *real person*, write *none*): _____

*Name (Title) of **Web Page**: _____

*Name of **Website** (Name of **Home Page**): _____

*Name of Sponsoring Org/Publisher: _____

*E-Publication Date: _____ *Date of Access (viewed): _____

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