Evaluating a Web Site

Use this checklist to evaluate the Web sites you visit. It will help you decide whether the source is accurate and helpful.

What is the address of the Web site? (usually starts with *http://*) ?

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	Yes	No
Check *Yes* or *No*.		
WHO?		
• Is the author or creator's name and contact information on the page? (a person, company or an organization)	☐	☐
• Is there information about the website ("About Us")?	☐	☐
WHAT?		
• Does the title tell you what the site is about?	☐	☐
▪ Is the site from an educational institution (.edu)?	☐	☐
▪ Is the site from a business (.com)?	☐	☐
▪ Is the site from the government (.gov or .mil)?	☐	☐
▪ Is the site from an organization (.org)?	☐	☐
WHEN?		
• Is there a date that tells you when the page was made or last updated?	☐	☐
WHERE?		
▪ Does the author include references (a list of the sources he or she used for the info on the site)?	☐	☐
▪ Is the author an expert on the topics covered?	☐	☐
WHY?		
▪ Does the author of the page say things that you know are wrong?	☐	☐
▪ Does the site answer some of your research questions?	☐	☐
▪ Do the photographs/graphics/animations/videos at the site help you understand the topic?	☐	☐
▪ Does the information seem biased or one-sided?	☐	☐
▪ Are there a lot of facts and explanations?	☐	☐