

**William Annin Middle School Media Center
Web Site Evaluation Form and Works Cited Information
CAN YOU TRUST THIS SITE?**

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

DIRECTIONS: Complete this form for *each* Internet web page that you use as a source for your project.

READ each question. If the answer is **YES** for your webpage, then check off on the right side. **ALL** statements **MUST** be checked off in order to convince you 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 an expert in the topic that the webpage is about?
(*Look for a tab or link to author/organization information – often called “About Us”*). _____

STEP 1: If so, write the author’s name next to **Author**, and the organization’s name next to **Name of Sponsoring Org/Publisher** below.

3. Is there a way to contact the author/organization-phone, email, or street address?
(*Look for a tab or link to contact information – often called “Contact Us”*). _____

WHEN was the web page or web site created?

4. Is the webpage fairly current and/or appears to be maintained by its author/organization?
(*Look for **last updated date, copyright date or symbol with a year listed.***) _____

STEP 2: Write this date as **Publication Date** below.

WHAT type of information is provided and in what format?

5. Is the information on this Web site well organized with no grammatical errors? _____

6. Is the information on this Web site factual, not somebody’s opinion, a blog or wiki?
(*Web Page Title is usually at top of page and/or in blue bar at top of screen.*) _____

STEP 3: Write the title of the web page next to **Web Page Title** below.

WHERE does the web page originate?

7. Is the **Home Page** a *credible* web site, **NOT** a free web page site or personal web page?
(*Look at the URL – avoid .net, or sites with a tilde ~*) _____

STEP 4: Write the Home Page URL here: _____
Write the **name** of the Website’s *Home Page* next to **Name of Website** below.

WHY are you using this web page?

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

IDENTIFY (CITE) your web page source: (* means required field)

Author(s): _____

* Web Page Title: _____

*Name of Website: _____

*Name of Sponsoring Org./Publisher: _____

Publication Date: _____ *Date You Viewed it: _____

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