

# EVALUATING INTERNET WEB SITES: CAN YOU TRUST THIS SITE?

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** You are required to complete this form for each Internet web site that you use as a source for your project. Additional forms are available. Please complete a separate form for each site. This form is available online (on the Media Center web page.)

**READ each statement.** Give each statement a **0** if you **Do Not Agree** OR a **1** if you **Agree**

## WHO is the source of the information?

1. The author or organization is a known or credible expert in the area (Check for an "About Us" section). \_\_\_\_\_
2. An email address or other appropriate credits are provided (Check for a "Contact Us" section). \_\_\_\_\_
3. The viewpoint of the author or organization is respectful and objective. \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT does the web page look like and WHAT type of information is provided?

4. The information on this Web site is well organized and easy to understand. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The web site is free from spelling or grammatical errors. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The information on this Web site is factual. \_\_\_\_\_

## WHEN was the web page or web site created?

7. The web page is current and appears to be updated regularly. \_\_\_\_\_

## WHERE does the web page originate? WHERE do the links take you?

8. The home page is a credible web site and not an internet service provider, free web page source, or free essay/term paper site.) \_\_\_\_\_
9. The hyperlinks on the site are easy to use and lead to other useful sites. \_\_\_\_\_

## WHY are you using this web page?

10. The purpose of the web site is to inform (not advertise or entertain.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add up the score. Maximum score: 10**

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

(PAGES USED FOR RESEARCH SHOULD SCORE BETWEEN 7-10 points!)

→Cite your source, following the example given below:

Author(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Web Page: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Access: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Author (editor, compiler, etc). "Title of Web Page." Title of Website. Name of Organization (publisher or sponsor). Publication date (if none, use n.d.). Web. Date of access.**

*Example:* Smith, John J. "Biography." *The Official Site of Jackie Robinson.* Estate of Jackie Robinson. 07 Oct. 2005. Web. 05 Mar. 2010.

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