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Website Evaluation Checklist

1. Write the search statement you used to find this website: _____

2. What is the URL (address) of the website you are evaluating?

http:// _____

Circle if you see this in the URL: .com (commercial) .edu (educational institution) .gov (government)
.org (organization) ~ (tends to indicate a personal web page)

3. What is the name of the website? Hint: look at the top of the home page

4. Who is sponsoring this website? Hint: look at the bottom of the home page or click About Us.

What do you know about this sponsor, what can you infer, what biases might they have?

5. What do you think is the purpose of the website? Is it to sell and make money? Is it to promote a cause? Is it to educate people? Give a reason for your answer.

6. Who is the author of the article found on this webpage? Can you find information about this author?

7. Can you find the date this article was last updated? Yes No What is that date? _____
If not, can you find the date the entire website was last updated? Yes No What is that date? _____
If not, can you find a copyright date for the website? Yes No What is that date? _____

8. Is there a list of sources used? Yes No

9. Thinking about your answers to questions #2 – 8, do you think the information found on this webpage is **reliable**? Give reasons for your answer.

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10. Cite your source properly using MLA style.

Entire Website/Blog

Author Lastname, Firstname. *Name of Website/Blog*. Name of Sponsor (n.p. if not given). Date Published (n.d. if not given). Web. Date of Access. <URL>.

OR

Article on Website/Entry in Blog

Author Lastname, Firstname. "Article Title." *Name of Website*. Name of Sponsor (n.p. if not given). Date Published (n.d. if not given). Web. Date of Acces. <URL>.

If blog entry is not titled, simply say "Weblog entry"
