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.
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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 Access. <URL>.

If blog entry is not titled, simply say “Weblog entry”