

Research Paper

FINDING RELIABLE WEB SITES

Anyone can create a Web site, so it is important to evaluate sites thoroughly.

Directions: On the first line, write the URL (Web address) of a site that you think might be relevant to your research topic. Then answer the following questions about the site.

URL: _____

1. What type of site did you find: government, personal, commercial, nonprofit, for-profit, political, or educational? How can you tell?

2. Who is the author or creator of the site? _____

Where did you find this information? _____

3. Why was the site created? _____

Where did you find this information? _____

4. When was the site last updated? _____

5. Are statements of fact supported by examples and evidence? _____

6. What clues do you have to the accuracy of the information on this site?

7. Based on your evaluation, will you use this Web site for your research? Why or why not? _____
