

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address (URL): \_\_\_\_\_

## Web Site Evaluation Form

Test Your Web Site –Before You Bet Your Grade On It!

**Answer the following questions about your site.**

**Tips: You may need to examine multiple pages on the web site to answer these questions. Look for a “Home” button, “About Us” link, or a “FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)” link to find these answers. Remember, because you did not find it immediately, does not mean it does not exist.**

**You are responsible for finding the information!**

	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Author - Who owns the web site and why?</b>			
Is the author’s name and email address included?			
Does the author explain or list his expertise in the subject area?			
Is the web site affiliated with any major institutions? For example: Universities, colleges, hospitals, businesses, non-profit organizations, etc.			
Does the author’s connection seem to bias the information? (IF “YES”-DO NOT USE SITE)			
Does the author cite his or her information so that you can check for accuracy and authenticity?			
Does the author have neutral point of view?			
Is there a definite point of view, either positive or negative? (IF “YES”-DO NOT USE SITE)			
<b>Content – Does the site contain accurate, reliable information?</b>			
Is the purpose of the web site stated?			
Is the purpose of the site to inform?			
Is the purpose something more than informational? (IF “YES”-DO NOT USE SITE) For example: advertisement, propaganda, sales, fan site			
Can you tell when the information was last updated? When? _____			
Does the site contain meaningful and useful content?			
Does it contain original content?			
Is there any evidence of bias? (IF “YES”-DO NOT USE SITE)			
Does it appear to be fact?			
Does it appear to be opinion?			
<b>Site – Is the site professionally designed?</b>			
Are the links up to date?			
Are the links evaluated?			
Do the links reveal any bias of the author? (IF “YES”-DO NOT USE SITE)			
Is the grammar and spelling correct?			

If you answer **“No”** to more than one of these questions, ask the librarian or subject area teacher to evaluate and sign off on the web site for you.

**Additional blank copies of this form are available in the Library Information Center. Just Ask!**