Test Before You Trust – Website Evaluation

Purpose of the Site	Circle One		Add details to explain
Can you tell if the site is			·
fact or opinion? (Opinion			
sites may use words like	YES	NO	
"always", "never", "best",	TES	INO	
or "worst")			
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Is the tone calm and fair?			
(Sites that are mean or	VEC	NO	
angry may not be good	YES	INO	
sources of information.			
Is the site sponsored by			
any organizations? Which	YES	NO	
ones?	123	''	
Is the site open to			
everyone? (no age			
requirements, fees,	YES	NO	
passwords, or			
registration)			
Is the site's domain .edu,			
.org, or .gov?	VEC	N.O.	
(Educational, non-profit, &	YES	NO	
government)			
Trustworthiness of the			
Author	Circle One		Add details to explain
Is the author identified by		1	
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name or organization?			
(Some sites are made by	\/F6		
many people from a	YES	NO	
reputable organization,			
but only the organization			
is listed as the author.)			
Is the			
author's/organization's			
biography provided, and	VEC	NO	
does he/she/it have	YES	NO	
credentials related to the			
subject of the site?			
Was this site			
recommended by a site			
you trust? (for example,	YES	NO	
by a homework help site)			
Can the			
author/organization be			
contacted if you have	YES	NO	
questions? (by email,	1.25		
street address, or phone			
number?)			
Is the site free of spelling,			
typographical, and	YES	NO	
grammatical errors?			
Up-to-Date Information	Circle One		Add details to explain
Can you find the date the			·
article, page, or site was	YES	NO	
created?	1.25		
Can you find the date it			
was last revised?	YES	NO	
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Does the page lead you to other, current good information?	YES	NO	
Do all the links lead to active pages? (no dead links)	YES	NO	
Ease of Use	Circle One		Add details to explain
Can you understand the text?	YES	NO	
Do the titles and headings give a clear idea of the content?	YES	NO	
Are there photos, maps, charts, or other illustrations that help you understand the information?	YES	NO	
Is there a site map?	YES	NO	
Is there a tool for searching the site?	YES	NO	
Is there a "what's new" feature?	YES	NO	
Are links labeled clearly?	YES	NO	
If you go to another page on the site, can you get back to the main page?	YES	NO	

	Score your site
How many times did you circle yes?	18-22: You've got a winner! You can trust the information on your site, and it's easy to use, too! ©
	13-17: Proceed with caution. If you use any information from your site, be sure to fact check it on a site you can trust. You can also quote the author's opinion, but make sure you say that's what it is. :/
	0-13: Sorry, your site is a dud. It isn't safe to use this site as a source of information, so find a better one.

Reflect			
The scoring above is just a guide. Are you positive the information is true? What can you do to prove			
the information is true??			