

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 "always", "never", "best", or "worst")	YES	NO	
Is the tone calm and fair? (Sites that are mean or angry may not be good sources of information.)	YES	NO	
Is the site sponsored by any organizations? Which ones?	YES	NO	
Is the site open to everyone? (no age requirements, fees, passwords, or registration)	YES	NO	
Is the site's domain .edu, .org, or .gov? (Educational, non-profit, & government)	YES	NO	
Trustworthiness of the Author	Circle One		Add details to explain
Is the author identified by name or organization? (Some sites are made by many people from a reputable organization, but only the organization is listed as the author.)	YES	NO	
Is the author's/organization's biography provided, and does he/she/it have credentials related to the subject of the site?	YES	NO	
Was this site recommended by a site you trust? (for example, by a homework help site)	YES	NO	
Can the author/organization be contacted if you have questions? (by email, street address, or phone number?)	YES	NO	
Is the site free of spelling, typographical, and grammatical errors?	YES	NO	
Up-to-Date Information	Circle One		Add details to explain
Can you find the date the article, page, or site was created?	YES	NO	
Can you find the date it was last revised?	YES	NO	

