

Student Site Evaluation Form

Name _____

Site Address _____

Visiting this site for _____ assignment

Thinking about the site

- a. Has it won any awards?
 1. Yes
 2. No
 3. It doesn't say

- b. If the site has won awards, is there a link where you can go to learn if the award is important?
 1. Yes
 2. No

- c. If the site has won an award, was it an important one to win? (You might have to check the links given to decide.)
 1. Yes
 2. No
 3. Can't tell

- d. Who is responsible for the content of this site?
 1. _____ (insert information)
 2. 2. Can't tell

- e. When was the site last updated?
 1. _____ (insert date)
 2. Can't tell

- f. When was the information on the site written?
 1. _____ (insert date)
 2. Can't tell

- g. Does the information seem current or out-of-date?
 1. Current
 2. Out-of-date
 3. Don't know enough to know

- h. Is this site easy to navigate?
 1. Yes
 2. No

Thinking about the author of the site

- a. Who is the author of what you are reading at this site?
 1. _____
 2. Can't tell

- b. What information can you find about the author of this site?
 - 1. _____ (insert information)
 - 2. No information listed

- c. Does that information show you that the author has the authority or knowledge to write about the topic at this site?
 - 1. Yes 2. No c. Can't tell

- c. Does the site have links to other sites that give you information about the author?
 - 1. Yes 2. No c. Can't tell

Thinking about the audience for the site

- a. Does the author seem to have a specific audience for this site in mind?
 - 1. Yes 2. No c. Can't tell

- b. Does the site have advertisements?
 - 1. yes 2. No

- c. If the site has advertisements, do they give you insight into who the audience is supposed to be?
 - 1. yes 2. No 3. Can't tell 4. No ads
 - 2.

- d. Does the site offer an "About Us" or introduction that helps you understand who the audience is supposed to be?
 - 1. Yes 2. No 3. Can't tell

Thinking about information found at sites

- a. Has the information been published someplace else than just on the web?
 - 1. Yes 2. No 3. Can't tell

- b. Is the information clear and easy to understand?
 - 1. Very clear 2. Sometimes confusing 3. Really confusing

- c. If the information is about a controversial topic, is more than one side of the topic presented or does the site offer links to sites that would offer the opposing view?
 - 1. Yes 2. No 3. Can't tell

- d. Does this site have links to other sites that give you additional information on the topic?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
- e. Can you tell when the information at this site is a fact versus an opinion?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. Some of the time
 - 3. Can't tell at all
- f. Does the information have a clearly identified author?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
- g. Are there charts and graphs that summarize or explain points?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
- h. Is all the quoted information clearly identified and properly cited?
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 3. Nothing is quoted in article

Overall, this site

- a. Would help me a lot with my assignment.
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 3. Can't tell
- b. Links me to other sites that are helpful.
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
 - 3. Haven't checked the links yet
- c. Looks helpful but the information is too technical or hard to understand.
 - 1. Yes
 - 2. No
- d. Is more an advertisement than information I can use.
 - 1. True—it has too much advertising
 - 2. False—it has enough information
- e. Seems to just be one person's opinion without any backing for who that person is or why I should believe that opinion.
 - 1. True—too much opinion
 - 2. False—author's opinion is very well supported

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