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A Checklist for Evaluating Web Pages

Name of Site:_____

URL (Address):_____

What does the URL mean?

http://www.lib.berkeley,edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html

Protocol type of File Could also say ftp:// or telnet://	**Domain name** address of the computer which is hosting the Web Page	**Path or directory** lets the computer know what directories, subdirectories and files to access after connecting to the server	**Name of File** often ends in .html or.htm
http://	www.lib.berkeley.edu	TeachingLib/Guides/Internet	FindInfo.htm

Common domain **extensions**: .com -a commercial site .edu - an educational site .org - a non-profit organization
.lib -a library .net - an internet service provider

The type of domain is not always indicated by an extension. It can be part of the domain name itself. Look for things like **univ** or **gc** (government of Canada) as well. i.e.http://libraryqueensu.ca is the Library at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. The domain name may also include **country location**. i.e. Canada - ca ; United Kingdom - uk ; Germany - de.

Based on the above information, what does your URL indicate to you?_____

Now go into the website and evaluate it, using the following checklist:

Authority

- ☐ Is it clear who is responsible for the content?
- ☐ Are the author's (authors') qualifications or credentials listed?
- ☐ Is the person qualified to write the information on the page?
- ☐ Can the author be contacted?
- ☐ Is the source of the page easy to identify from the URL?

_____Rating for this section (1-5 points)

Content

- ☐ Does the site contain accurate and reliable information?
- ☐ Does the site link to accurate and reliable information?
- ☐ Is the site free of bias? (gender, race, religion, etc.)?
- ☐ Is the point of view clear?
- ☐ Are the sources for factual information clearly stated?
- ☐ Can the material be verified in other sources?
- ☐ Is the information on the topic thorough?
- ☐ Does the information meet your needs?
- ☐ If appropriate, are special features included, such as indexes, charts, maps and graphs?
- ☐ Is the site free of grammar and spelling errors?

_____Rating for this section (1-10 points)

Design/Style

- ☐ Is the web page well organized and easy to navigate?
- ☐ Are the pages uncluttered and cleanly designed?
- ☐ Are there a lot of useable links?
- ☐ Do the links take you directly to where you want to go?
- ☐ Are there a lot of ads and/or pop-ups?

_____Rating for this section (1-5 points)

Currency

- ☐ When was the page produced?
- ☐ When was it last updated?
- ☐ Is it updated frequently?
- ☐ Are the links up to date? (i.e. are there any dead links)
- ☐ Does the site have clear and obvious pointers to new content?

_____Rating for this section (1-5 points)

Total:____/25

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