

EVAL Test Worksheet

Criteria	Website Title : URL:	Hints	Score <u>1</u> =do not use <u>2</u> =decent <u>3</u> =excellent
E <i>Is it written by an expert?</i>	Expert Authors. Is this information written by experts? Professionals? • How do you know? If an author is listed, Google the author's name to find out about them. • Is it a well-known professional site such as <i>National Geographic</i> or <i>Hartford Courant</i>? • Is it an organization that specializes in the topic?	Look for professionals with experience on the topic or experience in publishing Click on the author name to read a biography or see a resume Look for About Us to find out more about who is behind an organization	
V <i>What can you tell by looking around?</i>	View the webpage. What do you notice? • Are there a thousand distracting ads? • Is it created by a student? • Can you figure out how to navigate the menus? • Can you see a date of the information was posted? • What is the purpose of this website? Are they trying to sell ¹ you something? Are they trying to persuade you? etc.	Are the ads appropriate for young teens? Is the author/organization clearly labeled? Look at the bottom for © to check the publisher Sometimes the date of publication is very important	

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A <i>What can the URL tell me?</i>	Analyze the website URL. Every website has a suffix: .com, .org, .edu, gov. • If it's .gov you can consider it reliable, all the other ones you need to be do a little detective work. • Not all .com/org/edu's are created equal. • Blogs are often someone's opinion or not professional. • Bias can be found on any type of website.	Just because a website is reliable, doesn't mean it's a great site for your purpose. .edu can contains student work .org can be a nonprofit organization, but that isn't very professional Not every website is objective, watch for information that leans toward one side of a topic	
L <i>What does the web say about it?</i>	Lateral Reading: Sometimes you have to Google to find out more about the author or content of the article to determine if it's a good source for your purpose. • Can you find similar information on other sites? • Does anyone else recommend or criticize this site? • When you search the author's name or the name of the website, what else can you find out?	When you search for a company Google will give you a right-hand sidebar with info Read multiple pages to determine the best source for your purpose	

Total: _____ (15-13= excellent, 12-10= decent, 9 or below= do not use)

Answer these questions: Fill in the blanks.

1. The EVAL method is not just for research you can use it _____
2. Part of determining Reliability is to identify if the information answers _____
3. Don't blindly trust an .edu could be written by a _____
4. Authority is the BIG one - check the _____ **us** page to determine who created it.
5. Accuracy - can you _____ the information from another source
6. Purpose - why is the information out there - is it to educate or _____
7. Check for _____

More about Credibility :

When a source is credible it means that it is high quality and _____

Several factors contribute to a source's credibility, one is the authors **or** _____

What is bias is an inaccurate or _____ presentation of information.

Peer review articles are considered high quality because the review process helps to _____