Website Evaluation

Evaluator's Name: _____

Title of Website: _____

Address or URL: _____

Complete the following checklist for the specific website you are evaluating. Write the corresponding point value for your answer in the "Points" column. When you have answered all of the questions, add up the points and record the total. Refer to the key at the bottom to determine whether this website should be used as a source in your research.

CREDIBILITY			COMMENTS
Is the author's name provided? OR **Is the publisher/organization identified?**	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Is the author's/organization's background or credentials provided?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Is there a way to contact the author or author/publisher?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Is this a personal page hosted on a larger site?	Yes (0 pt)	No (1 pt)	
Is the domain of the site one of the following: .edu, .gov., .org., .mil?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Does the author include a works cited list or bibliography?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
The author is fair and objective.	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Are sources for graphics credited?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Does the site include advertising?	Yes (0 pt)	No (1 pt)	
ACCURACY			
Is the topic/purpose of the site clearly stated?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Is an original posting date (or copyright date) given?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Is the most recent date you can find within the past 2 years?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Does the site provide enough information for your research purposes?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Are the links reliable and valuable?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Are some of the site's links "dead" or inactive?	Yes (0 pt)	No (1 pt)	
DESIGN			
Are the graphics (images, clipart, etc.) consistent with the content?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Does every page include a way to return to the site's homepage?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	
Is the information on this site easy to understand and navigate?	Yes (1 pt)	No (0 pt)	

TOTAL POINT VALUE FOR THIS WEBSITE =	

<u>If your total point value equals</u>:

    15- 18   **This is a good site to use!**

    13-14   **This site might be ok to use of there is no better option.**

    0-12   **Look for an alternate source.**