

AMD Website Evaluation Checklist

Every Time you use the WWW for research, you **MUST** consider if the site you are choosing is **RELIABLE** (trustworthy) or **UNRELIABLE** (not trustworthy). Evaluate a source based on the following criteria:



Use these questions to help you think about how to measure each of the criteria.

Category	Questions to ask yourself...	YES OR NO ???
Timeli- ness	☐ Is the information current (recent)? ☐ Has the website been updated recently? ☐ Is it current enough for your topic?	___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO
Reliability	☐ Is the content of the resource primarily fact without presenting opinions? ☐ Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?	___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO
Authority and Accuracy	☐ Does this page identify the author? ☐ Is there a biography of the author? ☐ Is the author qualified to write about the topic? ☐ Does the page identify a group or academic institution with which the author is associated? ☐ Is there contact information (email or address)? ☐ Can the information on this page can be found in at least two other unrelated sites or unrelated print resources? ☐ Is the page is free of spelling errors? ☐ Is the page is well organized? ☐ Are the graphics are high quality?	___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO
Purpose/ Point of View	☐ Does the site present factual information without trying to sway the audience's opinion? ☐ Is the page free of advertising? ☐ Is the domain of the .edu, .gov or, .org?	___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO ___ YES ___ NO
***If most of your checks were NO, then the site is probably not a good one to use for research		
What is the purpose of this site? Choose all that apply. To trick - To persuade - To sell something - To entertain - To explain - To inform		