



ABC Web Evaluation Guide

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	Website 1:	Website 2:
Authority		
Personal page or site? <i>Look for ~ or % or users, members, people, or blog</i>	Circle one: Y N	Circle one: Y N
What is the url and domain? <i>.com, .org, .edu, .gov, etc.</i>	http:// Domain:	http:// Domain:
Sponsoring institution? <i>Is it a university? Government agency? Commercial entity? Truncate back to the URL if this isn't clear.</i>	Name of institution, if given:	Name of institution, if given:
Does this institution appear to be an authority on the topic? <i>Do the topic and institution relate?</i>	Circle one: Y N unclear	Circle one: Y N unclear
Does the author of the page or website provide a name and contact information?	Circle one: Y N	Circle one: Y N
Does the author appear to be an authority on the topic? <i>Check author's title, position.</i>	Circle one: Y N unclear	Circle one: Y N unclear
Are the sources documented?	Circle one: Y N	Circle one: Y N
Bias		
Is the standpoint of the author or authoring institution stated clearly? <i>Look for pages that say About, Home, Mission.</i>	Circle one: Y N unclear	Circle one: Y N unclear
Are there links to related information that support the stated standpoint?	Circle one: Y N	Circle one: Y N
Are there links to related information that refute/balance the stated standpoint?	Circle one: Y N	Circle one: Y N
What is the purpose of the website?	Circle all that apply: inform persuade sell satire	Circle all that apply: inform persuade sell satire
Currency		
Was the website updated recently? <i>Check for last update.</i>	Last website update:	Last website update:
Are the pages individually updated? <i>Check for last update.</i>	Last page update:	Last page update:

Final verdict:

Is this an appropriate Web resource? Y N Y N