

Internet Guidelines

Name: _____ Period: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Use the following questions to guide your review of Internet sources and their information. Take notes to support your responses for each series of questions.

Address of website: _____

Title of page on website: _____

The Source:

1. Is it clear who the website author is? Yes _____ No _____

2. Does the author provide several forms of contact information (email address, telephone number, street address)? Yes _____ No _____

3. Does the author state his/her qualifications, credentials, or information on why he/she is a credible source on the subject? Yes _____ No _____

4. Is the website published by an educational institution, a nonprofit organization, or a commercial group? Yes _____ No _____

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The Content:**Notes**

6. Does the website share its mission, goal, or intent? Yes _____ No _____
7. Does the website's content support the website's purpose? Yes _____ No _____
8. Is the website well organized and easy to navigate? Yes _____ No _____
9. Are topics explored in depth? Yes _____ No _____
10. Does the website use statistics or other factual information, and does it cite proper sources? Yes _____ No _____
11. Is the information current and reliable? Yes _____ No _____
(Check to see when the site was last updated and if the author is affiliated with a particular institution to help answer this question.)
12. Is the information on the website up-to-date? Yes _____ No _____
13. Are the links up-to-date and reliable? Yes _____ No _____
14. Is a reference list included on the website? Yes _____ No _____
15. Based on your knowledge, does the website's information seem accurate? Yes _____ No _____
16. Is the website a valuable source of information when compared to other sites on the subject? Yes _____ No _____

The Reader:**Notes**

17. Is the website geared toward a particular audience? Yes _____ No _____
18. Is the website's information presented without bias? Yes _____ No _____
19. Does the author avoid expressing opinions that have no factual basis? Yes _____ No _____
20. Does the website avoid swaying the reader in a certain direction through nonfactual means? Yes _____ No _____
21. Does the website avoid swaying the reader through unrelated pictures or graphics? Yes _____ No _____
22. Does the website avoid advertising that may be a conflict of interest with the website's content? Yes _____ No _____
23. Does the website try to avoid selling or promoting things or ideas? Yes _____ No _____

Analysis and Conclusion:

Given your responses to the questions above is this site appropriate for your research? Why or why not?