

# Evaluating Website Authenticity

Name of Site

URL

## Who Wrote the Information? (Check all that apply)

- Author's name is provided
- Author is credible. They would be a good person to know a lot about this topic.
- I have no idea.

BONUS: Write the name of the author and explain how you know they are or are not qualified.

## Where did the author get their information? (Check all that apply)

- They provided a list of resources, websites.
- They provided a bibliography.
- The author is such a well-known expert that he/she did not need to provide resources.
- I have no idea where the author found their information.

BONUS: Explain where you found the resources and if the resources look credible.

## When was the site last updated? (Check one)

- This site has been updated this year.
- The site hasn't been updated for a few years, but it should not matter for this topic.
- I have no idea.

BONUS: Write the date of the last update and explain whether or not this is acceptable for your research.

## What is the purpose of this website? (Check one)

- To inform.
- To persuade.
- To entertain.
- I have no idea.

BONUS: Explain how you know what the purpose of this website is and if it matters for your research.

## Why is this site useful for your research? (Check all that apply)

- I KNOW author is credible.
- I KNOW where the author got their information and the resources are credible.
- I KNOW the website has been updated within the last year.
- I KNOW the purpose of the website is to provide me with good information.
- I KNOW all the links work.
- I KNOW the reading level works for me and I am comfortable reading the information.
- I KNOW the pictures and/or videos help me learn.

Final Score: Add checkmarks from the VERY LAST QUESTION ONLY

- 0-3 Checks: NOT A GOOD SITE
- 4-5 Checks: POSSIBLY NOT A GOOD SITE
- 6-7 Checks: PROBABLY A GOOD SITE
- 8 Checks: PROBABLY a GREAT SITE