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| **Test Before You Trust – Website Evaluation** | | | |
| **Purpose of the Site** | **Circle One** | | **Add details to explain** |
| Can you tell if the site is fact or opinion? (Opinion sites may use words like "always", "never", "best", or "worst") | YES | NO |  |
| Is the tone calm and fair? (Sites that are mean or angry may not be good sources of information. | YES | NO |  |
| Is the site sponsored by any organizations? Which ones? | YES | NO |  |
| Is the site open to everyone? (no age requirements, fees, passwords, or registration) | YES | NO |  |
| Is the site’s domain .edu, .org, or .gov? (Educational, non-profit, & government ) | YES | NO |  |
| **Trustworthiness of the Author** | **Circle One** | | **Add details to explain** |
| Is the author identified by name or organization? (Some sites are made by many people from a reputable organization, but only the organization is listed as the author.) | YES | NO |  |
| Is the author’s/organization’s biography provided, and does he/she/it have credentials related to the subject of the site? | YES | NO |  |
| Was this site recommended by a site you trust? (for example, by a homework help site) | YES | NO |  |
| Can the author/organization be contacted if you have questions? (by email, street address, or phone number?) | YES | NO |  |
| Is the site free of spelling, typographical, and grammatical errors? | YES | NO |  |
| **Up-to-Date Information** | **Circle One** | | **Add details to explain** |
| Can you find the date the article, page, or site was created? | YES | NO |  |
| Can you find the date it was last revised? | YES | NO |  |
| Does the page lead you to other, current good information? | YES | NO |  |
| Do all the links lead to active pages? (no dead links) | YES | NO |  |
| **Ease of Use** | **Circle One** | | **Add details to explain** |
| Can you understand the text? | YES | NO |  |
| Do the titles and headings give a clear idea of the content? | YES | NO |  |
| Are there photos, maps, charts, or other illustrations that help you understand the information? | YES | NO |  |
| Is there a site map? | YES | NO |  |
| Is there a tool for searching the site? | YES | NO |  |
| Is there a “what’s new” feature? | YES | NO |  |
| Are links labeled clearly? | YES | NO |  |
| If you go to another page on the site, can you get back to the main page? | YES | NO |  |
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| **Score your site** | | | |
| How many times did you circle yes?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | **18-22:** You’ve got a winner! You can trust the information on your site, and it’s easy to use, too! ☺  **13-17:** Proceed with caution. If you use any information from your site, be sure to fact check it on a site you can trust. You can also quote the author’s opinion, but make sure you say that’s what it is. :/  **0-13:** Sorry, your site is a dud. It isn’t safe to use this site as a source of information, so find a better one. |
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| **Reflect** | | | |
| *The scoring above is just a guide. Are you positive the information is true? What can you do to prove the information is true??* | | | |
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