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Evaluating Web Sites

Before you use a website, look it over and consider the following areas and the questions they raise.

Authority: Who owns this site? Who is the author? Is it sponsored by an organization you know?

- Is the author or organization that created or owns the website clearly stated? **Yes No**
 - Can you contact them by e-mail, snail mail and/or a telephone number listed on the site?
Yes No
 - Is the author an expert or an authority on the subject? **Yes No**
 - Does he/she cite their sources? **Yes No**
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Accuracy: Does this site inspire confidence? Do you trust the info?

- Can you verify that info on the site is accurate and factual? **Yes No**
 - Are facts backed up by sources? **Yes No**
 - Are there spelling or grammatical errors? **Yes No**
 - Is the site easy to use? **Yes No**
 - Does it load quickly and completely? **Yes No**
 - Are there too many unnecessary graphics or sound files cluttering the screen? **Yes No**
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Currency: Is the site up to date?

- Is there a copyright date on the page? **Yes No**
 - When was the site last updated? **Yes No**
 - Do the links work? Dead links indicate out of date connections or references. **Yes No**
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Objectivity: What is the purpose of the site?

- What is the end of the domain name? .edu, .org, .net, .com, .gov.
 - Is the site published on Geocities, Angelfire or other free site? **Yes No**
 - Are there ads? Shopping carts? **Yes No**
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Conclusion: How would you rate this site overall? A B C D F

- Can you answer "Yes" to at least ten of the questions above?

Yes this site is a keeper!

No this site is not as reliable as you might like.

Bibliography Info

Author: _____

Site Name: _____

Page Name: _____

URL: _____

Date Visited: _____