**Web Page Evaluation Checklist**

**Questions to ask yourself as you investigate websites—Be suspicious!**

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1. **Look at the URL:**
   - Is this a personal website? It is if it has these in the URL «~ % users members people
   - What type of domain is it? What type of organization is it? The right kind for your information needs? .com .org .net .edu .gov/mil/us .th (country) other ____
   - Published by someone or an organization that makes sense? Does this website make sense? Is it a real subject? Look for FAQs or Disclaimers. Yes No Hard to tell Comment:

2. **Scan the perimeter of the page, looking for answers to these questions:**
   - Who is the author? A Person or Organization? Name:
   - Can you contact them? No Yes If yes, How? → Email address Other means
   - Dated or last updated? Date: Current enough for your use? Yes No
   - What is their authority or point of view? Look for: “About us” “Sponsors” “Background” “Biography” “Philosophy” Look for FAQs or Disclaimers. Did you find something? Yes No Are you convinced they know what they are producing and are experts? Yes No

3. **Look for these indicators of quality:**
   - Sources well documented? Where does the author get the information? Works Cited? Yes No Some Does not apply
   - Good links to more resources? Yes No
   - Other viewpoints? Is there bias? Yes No Example:

4. **Usefulness?**
   - Why was the page put on the Web? inform with facts/data share/disclose educate sell entertain convince
   - Does this website help YOUR research question? Yes No Why or Why Not?
   - Is it a “joke” or parody? Someone “ranting”? Yes No

5. **What do others say?**
   - Look up the author in Google: “firstname lastname” Any hits criticizing the site or person?

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*Information Power, 1998*