

## Roosevelt High School Website Evaluation Checklist

Name of Website _____		
URL _____		
<b>Authority</b>		
<i>Hint: To help determine the author's qualifications, look at the links: "About Us," "FAQ," "Background," or "Bibliography."</i>		
Is it clear who the author of the website is?	Y	N
Has the author provided contact information (name, email, phone number, or address)?	Y	N
If there is no personal author, is a publisher or institution provided along with contact information?	Y	N
Does the individual or organization list their qualifications or credentials?	Y	N
<b>Purpose</b>		
<i>Hint: Looking at the URL of the site will help you determine its purpose. Decide whether the website is geared to a scholarly or non-professional audience.</i>		
Does the website have an .edu, .org, or .gov ending in its URL?	Y	N
Does the website avoid trying to persuade or sell something?	Y	N
Is the information on the site relevant to your needs?	Y	N
<b>Objectivity</b>		
<i>Hint: Look for objective sites that present information with a minimum of bias and without trying to persuade. Determine the aim of the author or organization that published the site.</i>		
Does the website avoid advertising that may conflict with the content?	Y	N
If an issue is covered, are both sides presented?	Y	N
Do you trust the author or organization that created the site?	Y	N

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### Accuracy

*Since anyone can publish a website you need to be able to identify the author and access contact information. Make sure the information on the website is accurate and verifiable.*

Based on the reading you have already done on the subject, does the information on the website seem accurate?	Y	N
Is factual information referenced in footnotes or a bibliography?	Y	N
Are there few grammar and spelling mistakes?	Y	N
If there are links to other pages, are they reliable sources?	Y	N

### Currency

*Hint: Factual information that is not dated is no better than anonymous information. Check the top or bottom of a web page to look for the creation or revision date.*

Is the date the site was created provided?	Y	N
Is there a date that shows when the site was last updated?	Y	N
Does the site contain "broken links?"	Y	N

**The website evaluation check list has basic questions that will help you to assess the reliability of a website. The more question you answer yes to the more likely it is that the website is a reliable source for your research.**