

William Annin Middle School Media Center  
**WEB SITE EVALUATION Form and WORKS CITED Information**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_ DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Complete a separate form for *each* Internet *webpage* that you use as a source for your project.

**READ** each statement. If the answer is YES for your webpage, then check off on the line at the right. **ALL** statements **MUST** be checked off in order to convince yourself that this is a *reliable* webpage.

**WHO** is the source of the information?

1. Can you find an author and/or a sponsoring organization/publisher? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are they knowledgeable or experienced in the topic that the webpage is about?  
(*Look for a tab or link to author/organization information – often called “About Us”. READ IT!*) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is there a way to contact the author/organization by phone, email, or street address?  
(*Look for a tab or link to contact information – often called “Contact Us” or look at bottom of page*). \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEN** was the web page created or updated?

4. Is the web page fairly current and/or does it appear to be maintained by its author/organization?  
(*Look for last updated date or copyright date*) - *Does your topic require current information?* \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT** type of information is provided and in what format?

5. Is the information on this Web site well organized with few grammatical errors? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Is the information on this Web site **factual** and respectful, not somebody's opinion? \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE** does the web page originate?

7. Is the **home page** from a **credible** web site? [ It is NOT a site which gives free web page storage for anyone, a free essay/term paper site or someone's personal or school web page.]  
(*Look at the URL – Beware of “.net”, about.com, angelfire, or URLs that have a tilde (~), or percentage sign (%) in them.*) \_\_\_\_\_

Write the **HOME PAGE** URL (address) here (Ex. <http://www.nasa.gov>): **http://**\_\_\_\_\_

**WHY** are you using this web page?

8. Is the **purpose** of the web site to **inform** (not advertise or entertain?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Identify (or cite) your webpage source:**

Author(s) (If no *real person*, write *none*): \_\_\_\_\_

\***Web Page Name (Title)**: \_\_\_\_\_

\***Website Name (Name of Home Page)**: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name of Sponsoring Org/Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Publication Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Access (viewed): \_\_\_\_\_

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