Evaluating My Web Page Source

1. WHO? – Author/Organization and Authority
   a. **Who is the author or organization?** Look for About tab.
   b. What is their background, education, expertise, purpose or mission?
   c. Do you think they are an authority on your topic? Circle one.
      YES   NO

2. WHEN? – Currency of Information
   a. **When was this web page created or last updated?**
   b. Is this date current enough for your research topic? YES                  NO

3. WHAT? – Accuracy of information content
   a. Is the information factual?     YES                  NO
   b. Is the information well organized, with few or no grammatical errors? YES  NO
   c. Does the author write objectively, presenting both sides of a topic or issue? YES                  NO

4. WHERE? – Web site (Click the Home button or icon in top left of web page)
   a. Write down the web site NAME:
   b. Write down web site URL or address. (ex. www.nasa.gov)
   c. What does the address tell you about the web site?
   d. Is this web site a legitimate, reliable web site? YES                  NO

5. WHY? – Purpose
   a. Was the web page created to inform (give information), not entertain or sell you something? YES                  NO

**EVALUATION RESULT**: Check one:

____ If you have answered YES to all of the YES NO questions, then “Yay, this is a trustworthy web page!”

____ If you have answered NO to any of the YES NO questions, then this may NOT be a trustworthy web page and you should look for a better web page source.