

STEP 4 - Evaluate your sources. Use this form for every web site you use.

WEB SITE EVALUATION - USING THE 5W'S

Name: _____ Research Topic: _____

Name of Web Site:

URL (web address):

Authority- WHO?

Is it clear who wrote the pages? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Is the author(s) an expert on the information? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Is there additional information about the author? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Appropriate- WHAT?

Is the purpose of the web site clear? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Is the information meaningful? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Is the information clearly labeled and easy to read? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Current- WHEN?

Is the date the web site was created given? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Is the date the web site was last updated given? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Coverage- WHERE?

Is there a list of sources where the info. came from? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Are there links to other sites that have reputable info.?. ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Relevant- WHY?

Is it clear why this web site is better than others? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

Is the information found here useful? ☺ ☹ Not Sure

You should have at least one ☺ circled for each of the 5 W's.

If you have circled more ☹s and Not Sures than ☺s, then find a better web site!