

Assessing the Authority and Validity of Internet Information

Name _____ Date _____

Internet Information Checklist	
Web Site	
Name and URL	
Authority	
Is the source of the information identified?	
Does the creator have knowledge of the subject?	
Are qualifications provided?	
Does the URL provide clues to help you assess the information?	
Objectivity	
Does the site state facts or opinions?	
Do you suspect bias? If so, why?	
Is the source of information clearly stated?	
Does the site include advertising? If so, does this affect the reliability of the information?	

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Comprehensiveness	
Does the content meet your research needs?	
Does the content cover a specific period or an aspect of the topic — or is it comprehensive?	
Do you need to find additional sources to add to the information provided?	
Currency	
If it matters to your topic, has the site been updated recently?	
Links	
Are links to other sources provided?	
Do the links work?	
Are they useful?	

My Rating of This Web Site

1 _____ 10
 Not authoritative at all Highly authoritative