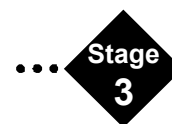


Checklist for Evaluating a Website



Title			
URL			
Date Accessed		Overall Rating: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	

AUTHORITY	Details/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> The author of the site is clearly identified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The author has appropriate credentials.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The publisher of the site is identified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site contains contact information.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A reputable group has rated the site.	
<i>Tip: Information experts choose wisely. Check up on authors and sites in online library catalogues and databases.</i>	

OBJECTIVITY	Details/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> The purpose of the site is clearly stated.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The sponsors of the site are clearly identified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The intended audience of the site is clear.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site is free of bias and stereotyping.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Advertising does not influence the information.	
<i>Tip: There are always people behind websites. Determine if these people wish to advocate, inform, or entertain.</i>	

ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS	Details/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> The site contains accurate information.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site is well researched and documented.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site's information can be verified.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site's links are reputable and working.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site's information is deep and well written.	
<i>Tip: Start with quality information. Use the School Library Website for sites that model accuracy and depth.</i>	

CURRENCY	Details/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> The date that the site was created is given.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The date that the site was updated is given.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Key information has been revised recently.	
<i>Tip: Currency affects accuracy. Check dates on the site to see if the information is current enough for the task.</i>	

TECHNICALITIES	Details/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> The site is easy to navigate.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The site's graphics and layout add to its value.	
<i>Tip: Looks can be deceiving. Check that animations, frames, colours, and special effects actually inform.</i>	