

## Checklist for Evaluating Web Resources

### Criterion #1: AUTHORITY

1. Is it clear what organization/person is responsible for the contents of the page?
2. Is there a link to a page describing the goals and purpose of the sponsoring organization?
3. Is there a way of verifying the legitimacy of the pages sponsor/organization? Is there a phone number and/or postal address to contact for more information (e-mail alone is not enough)
4. Is it clear who the author is and what are his/her qualifications to write on this topic?

### Criterion #2: ACCURACY

1. Are the sources of any factual information listed?
2. Is the information presented free of grammatical, typographical and spelling errors?
3. Is it clear who has the final responsibility for the accuracy of the information presented?
4. Are charts and graphs containing statistical data clearly labeled and easy to read?

### Criterion #3: OBJECTIVITY

1. Is the information provided as a public service?
2. Are the organizations biases clearly stated?
3. Is the information free of advertising? If there is advertising present, is it clearly differentiated from the informational part of the page?

### Criterion #4: CURRENCY

1. Are there dates clearly on the page to indicate when it was written, and when it was last revised?
2. Are there any indications of how the materials is being kept current?
3. Are there more than one edition of this page and is it clearly labeled as such?

### Criterion #5: COVERAGE

1. Is the page still under construction or are there indications that it has been completed?
2. Is it clear what topics the page intends to address and is it successful?
3. Is the point of view of the organization presented clearly and with well supported arguments?
4. Is there a print equivalent of the page? Is there a clear indication whether the entire work is available on the web or only parts of it?