Evaluating Web Sources

Name: _____

Objective: This worksheet will guide you in applying evaluation criteria to assess the credibility and relevance of web sources for academic purposes.

Instructions: First, work as a group to evaluate the assigned website. Then, individually, select two additional websites related to your current research topic or area of interest and conduct an independent evaluation using the same criteria.

Part 1: Group Evaluation

Evaluate any article from: http://www.aliensthetruth.com

Evaluation Criteria:

Authority

Author's name: _____
Qualifications (education, experience): _____
Institutional affiliation: _____
Contact information availability: _____

Accuracy

Cross-referenced sources (mention at least 2):
_____
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Presence of citations/references: _____
Evidence of peer/editorial review: _____
Quality of writing (errors, typos): _____

Objectivity

Presence of bias (one-sided/multiple viewpoints):
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Purpose of the information (informative, persuasive, entertainment):
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_____
Commercial or political affiliations: _____

Currency

Publication/last updated date: _____
Reflects current trends/research: _____

Relevance

Depth of content (comprehensive or superficial): _____
Scope of topic coverage:
_____
_____
Appropriateness for the intended audience: _____
Relevance to your research topic: _____

Evaluation Notes:
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Part 2: Individual Evaluation

Instructions: Select two websites that you would consider using as sources for your current research topic. Apply the same evaluation criteria to each website and record your findings.

Website 1 [Insert URL]: _____

Authority

Author's name: _____
Qualifications (education, experience): _____
Institutional affiliation: _____
Contact information availability: _____

Accuracy

Cross-referenced sources (mention at least 2):
_____
_____
Presence of citations/references: _____
Evidence of peer/editorial review: _____
Quality of writing (errors, typos): _____

Objectivity

Presence of bias (one-sided/multiple viewpoints):

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Purpose of the information (informative, persuasive, entertainment):

_____
_____

Commercial or political affiliations: _____

Currency

Publication/last updated date: _____
Reflects current trends/research: _____

Relevance

Depth of content (comprehensive or superficial): _____
Scope of topic coverage:

_____
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Appropriateness for the intended audience: _____
Relevance to your research topic: _____

Evaluation Notes:

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Website 2 [Insert URL]: _____

Authority

Author's name: _____
Qualifications (education, experience): _____
Institutional affiliation: _____
Contact information availability: _____

Accuracy

Cross-referenced sources (mention at least 2):

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Presence of citations/references: _____

Evidence of peer/editorial review: _____

Quality of writing (errors, typos): _____

Objectivity

Presence of bias (one-sided/multiple viewpoints):

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Purpose of the information (informative, persuasive, entertainment):

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Commercial or political affiliations: _____

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