

Test Before You Trust

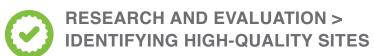
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Group Members	Date
Name of Site	URL

Website Test

	Website rest			
Purpose of the Site	Circle	one	Add details to explain	
1. Can you tell if the site is fact or opinion? (If the information seems one-sided, or biased, you will have to go elsewhere to hear the other side of the issue.)	YES	NO		
2. Is the site free of advertising?	YES	NO		
3. If there are ads, is it easy to tell the difference between ads and content?	YES	NO		
4. Is the site sponsored by any organizations?	YES	NO		
5. Is it clear who the site is for? (for example, college students or young children)	YES	NO		
6. Is the tone calm and fair? (Sites that are mean and angry may not be good sources of information.)	YES	NO		
7. Is the site open to everyone? (no age requirements, fees, passwords, or registration)	YES	NO		
8. Is the site's domain .edu, .net, .org, or .gov? (If you see a ~ in the URL, it may be a personal site, not an official site.)	YES	NO		



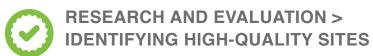


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Trustworthiness of the Author	Circle one		Add details to explain
9. Is the author identified by name?	YES	NO	
10. Is the place the author works or the organization he/she belongs to given?	YES	NO	
11. Is the author's biography provided, and does he/she have credentials related to the subject of the site?	YES	NO	
12. Has the author or site received any respected awards?	YES	NO	
13. Was this site recommended by a site you trust? (for example, by a homework help site)	YES	NO	
14. Are sources given for statistics?	YES	NO	
15. Can the author be contacted if you have questions? (by email, street address, or phone number)	YES	NO	
16. Is the site free of spelling, typographical, and grammatical errors?	YES	NO	
Usefulness of Information	Circle one		Add details to explain
17. Does the site have enough information for your research?	YES	NO	
18. Is most of the information on the site useful for your research? (If not, it may be hard to find what you need.)	YES	NO	





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Up-to-Date Information	Circle one		Add details to explain
19. Can you find the date the article, page, or site was created?	YES	NO	
20. Can you find the date it was last revised?	YES	NO	
21. Do all the links lead to active pages? (no dead links)	YES	NO	
Ease of Use	Circle one		Add details to explain
22. Can you understand the text?	YES	NO	
23. Is the type easy to see?	YES	NO	
24. Do the titles and headings give a clear idea of the content?	YES	NO	
25. Are there photos, maps, charts, or other illustrations that help you understand the information?	YES	NO	
26. Is there a site map?	YES	NO	
27. Is there a tool for searching the site?	YES	NO	
28. Is there a "what's new" feature?	YES	NO	
29. Are links labeled clearly?	YES	NO	
30. Do pages load quickly?	YES	NO	

How many times did you circle YES?	out of a total of 30
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