EVALUATING THE RELIABILITY OF A WEBSITE

URL _____

Name of Site: _____

1=NO **2**=SOMEWHAT **3**=YES **26-39**=DOUBTFUL **39-65**=MAYBE **65-78**=GOOD BET

Source			
Author's name is given	1	2	3
Affiliation or sponsorship is given	1	2	3
Address or email is given	1	2	3
Currency			
Date of creation is indicated	1	2	3
Date of last update is indicated	1	2	3
Links are current (still work)	1	2	3
Scope			
Purpose of the site is clearly stated	1	2	3
Level is appropriate for intended audience	1	2	3
It is clear whether information is primary or secondary	1	2	3
The information provided is complete	1	2	3
Links are relevant	1	2	3
Links are outward directed	1	2	3
Treatment			
Sources are documented and/or information is directly linked to original source	1	2	3
Methods for gathering information is clear	1	2	3
Objectivity			
Editorial comments or opinions clearly presented as such	1	2	3
Affiliation of the source clearly indicated	1	2	3
Language is free from exaggeration, sarcasm, etc.	1	2	3
Graphics are free from sensationalism	1	2	3
Site does not seem to negatively target a particular group	1	2	3
Opposing viewpoints are acknowledged respectfully	1	2	3
Technical and Visual Aspects			
Information is presented clearly and logically	1	2	3
Graphics/hypermedia add to quality	1	2	3
Navigation of site is easy	1	2	3
Site is free of spelling and other errors	1	2	3
Using the site is a pleasant experience	1	2	3

TOTAL _____