

WEB PAGE EVALUATION

WHO? *Remember there is a difference between the author and the web master?*

- Who created the page?
- Who wrote the page?
- Can you contact the author?
- Is the author an authority?
- What are the author's credentials?
- Is the author affiliated with an organization?
- Who sponsors the page?
- What type of URL does the page have?
- What type of page is it?

WHERE?

- Where is the site hosted?

WHEN?

- When was the page created?
- When was the site made?
- When was it last updated?
- How old are the sources?

WHY?

- Why does the site exist?
- Why was the site created?
- Does the author/sponsoring organization have a particular point of view?
- Is there bias? How do you know?
- Are there advertisements on the page?
- Do the viewpoints of the advertisers influence the content of the information?
- What information is not included?
- Are opposing viewpoints presented?

WHAT?

- What kind of information is provided?
- What is the exact topic?
- Is the information in depth or superficial?
- Is there more solid information or just flash?
- Is the information accurate? How do you know?
- Are there links to other sites?
- Is the information cited?
- Can you find the same/similar information elsewhere?
- Does the information contradict what you found elsewhere?

HOW?

- How well is the page maintained?
- Is the spelling correct?
- Are all links working?
- Do the pictures on the page add to the information?
- Is there a site map or table of contents?
- Is the site easy to use?
- Is the information clearly labeled and well organized?

IN GENERAL:

- Does the web page information add to your knowledge?
- Is the information as good as or better than what you would find in a printed source?