

EVALUATION OF A WEBSITE FOR AUTREY MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NAME _____

DATE _____

What is the name of the website?

What is the URL of the webpage?

PART 1: Technical and Visual

	YES	NO
Does the page take a long time to load?		
Do any pictures or photos on the page add to information?		
Is the spelling correct on the page?		
Are there headings/ subheadings? Are they helpful?		
Is there an author listed on the page?		
Is the author's e-mail address included?		
Is there a date on the page that tells you when it was last updated? If so, is it current?		
Is the format readable – clear and easy to understand?		
Is there a menu on the page? If so, does it link to those items listed on the menu?		
On supporting pages, is there a link back to the home page?		
Are the links clearly visible and do they include descriptions?		
Are there photos or sound files on the page? If so, can you be sure the picture or sound has not been altered?		

PART 2: Content

	Yes	No
Does the title of the page describe the content?		
Is the purpose of the page indicated on the home page?		
Is a date given for when the web page was created?		
For research purposes, does up-to-date information matter?		
Is the information on the web page useful for your research?		
Did you locate this site using a search engine?		
Could you have found this information from some other source? Provide some examples below.		
Does the information lead to other sources – both print and web based?		

Does the information appear to be based on fact or opinion?		
Do most of the pictures support the information on the page?		

PART 3: Authority

Who created the webpage?		
What organization is associated with the web page?		
Can you tell if the author or organization is biased?		
Does the domain of the page (.com, .edu, .org, .gov etc.) influence your evaluation?		
Are you positive that the information on the web page is accurate? What could you do to check the validity of the information?		

FILL IN THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE DETAILS

Author (if any)_____

Title of website_____

Date website was posted/ last updated_____

Name of organization posting the site_____

Date of access_____

<url address>_____

NARRATIVE EVALUATION

Looking at all the data you've collected about this website, explain why or why not you would recommend it as a valid site for research purposes. Review aspects of technical content, authority, bias, and subject content.
