

Web Page Evaluation Checklist

- Go to Google and search a controversial topic, such as:
stem cells or recreational marijuana or abortion
- Use this Checklist to evaluate some of the search results.

Title and URL of page you are evaluating:	
Personal page or site?	Click here to enter text.
What type of domain is it? Appropriate for the content?	<input type="checkbox"/> com <input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu <input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-US (list) Click here to enter text. <input type="checkbox"/> other: Click here to enter text.
Published by entity that makes sense? Does it match the name of the site?	Publisher or Domain Name entity: Click here to enter text.
Who wrote the page?	Name: Click here to enter text.
Credentials on this subject?	Evidence? Click here to enter text.
Dated?	Date _____ Current enough for your purpose? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Sources documented with links or notes?</p> <p>Can you verify that quoted text was not altered or forged?</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>Links to more resources?</p> <p>Do they work?</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>Evidence of bias?</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>Look up the author in Google</p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p>
<p>Why was the page put on the Web?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Satire or parody?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: Click here to enter text.</p>

BOTTOM LINE: Is the web page appropriate for your purpose? Yes No