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Class _____

Evaluating Web Resources

Web Site: _____

URL: _____

Yes	No	Not Sure

Authority/Credibility/Objectivity

(Who owns the web site and why?)

Is the author's name and email address included?

Is the web site affiliated with any major institutions?

Does the creator of the site have an expertise in the subject?

Does the author's/group's affiliation appear to bias the information? If so, what is the bias?

Yes	No	Not Sure

Content

(Does the web site contain accurate, current, and reliable information?)

Is the purpose of the web site clearly stated?

Was the site updated recently?
When? _____

Does the site contain original content?

Does the content appear to be fact or opinion?

Does the information appear to be accurate?

Does the site contain primary source material?

Is the grammar and spelling correct?

Overall, does the site contain valuable information?

What category would you put this site in?

___ Entertainment

___ Business/Marketing (Sponsored by a commercial enterprise promoting or selling a project. The URL often ends in .com)

___ Reference/Informational (Purpose is to present factual information. Often sponsored by educational institutions or governmental agencies. URLs often end in .edu or .gov)

___ News (Purpose is to provide current information. URL usually ends in .com)

___ Advocacy (Usually sponsored by an organization attempting to influence public opinion. URL often ends in .org)

___ Personal Home Page (Published by an individual. URL may end in .com, .edu, and a tilde (~) is part of the URL.

How is the information from this site meaningful and useful for your research? Explain:
