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Project Name:

Website Evaluation Checklist

	Website Title (from the blue bar on the top):										
Name	Website URL:										
	Today's Date:	Yes	No								
Authority (Who)	1. Is the author's name or the authoring institution clearly indicated? <i>Tip: Know the difference between a webmaster and an author.</i>										
	2. Does the author provide information about his or her credentials? <i>Tip: Does the author have any connection to a university, research laboratory, government agency or other reputable organization?</i>										
	3. Can you easily locate the author's contact information?										
Accuracy (What)	4. Is the primary purpose of the document to provide information and NOT to sell something or convince you of something? <i>Tip: Is the domain name a helpful clue?</i>										
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	5. Does the information appear to be factual compared to information you've found in other places? <i>Tip: Could the page be a spoof or a satire? Is the site free from bias?</i>										
	6. Is the webpage free of any obvious errors, including spelling or grammatical problems?										
	7. Does the website seem complete? <i>Tip: Are you reasonably sure that important information is not missing? Does it provide active links to further information?</i>										
	8. Does the website include a bibliography or list of citations for the information it provides? <i>Tip: Unless the authors of the page engaged in original research, there should be at least one citation and maybe a bibliography available.</i>										
Currency (When)	9. Was the webpage produced recently? <i>Tip: A date should be easy to find and is often at the bottom of the page.</i>										
	10. Was the webpage updated within the last year? <i>Tip: A date should be easy to find and is often at the bottom of the page.</i>										
	11. Are all links active?										
	Is this website credible? [Less than three "No" responses above.]										

How valuable is this website? Useless Valuable

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