

Website Evaluation - Elementary Level

Name: Mrs. Sandridge

What is the address of the Web page you are looking at?

<http://cherokeehistory.com/index.html>

What type of domain does it come from?

edu gov org com other

What is the name of the site? [History of the Cherokee](#)

Who wrote the page? Are they an authority on the subject?

Is there an author's name on the site? YES / NO

Is the page associated with a known organization or company?

YES / NO

Why is it important to know who has sponsored the page?

Because a website created or sponsored by a recognizable name will have more credibility, and it is easier to verify any questionable information.

Is there a way to contact the author or sponsor of the site? YES / NO

The contact information may be found on another site, look for a contact link if an email address or phone number is not found on the page.

Is the text on the page at an appropriate reading level for you? YES / NO

(Try the 5 finger test) Why is this test important?

If you can't understand many of the words, you probably won't understand the information on the webpage.

Is the spelling correct on the page? YES / NO

Why should you be concerned with spelling mistakes?

It will give you a clue that the information on the site may not be accurate, it could be a personal website.

Do the photographs look real? YES / NO / NO PHOTOGRAPHS

If the pictures look handmade, what could this tell you about this page?

It could possible mean that the site was a personal website, or created by students.

Are there links to other pages on this page?

YES / NO

Are the links pointing to good sites? Yes, most appear to be from organizations.

Is the page easy to navigate? YES / NO *Not easy to return to home page, often only navigation tool is to go to the next page.*

What is the purpose of this page?

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INFORM / PERSUADE / ENTERTAIN

Why is it important for you to be able to identify the purpose of a webpage?

To know the type of information you will find on it.

Is the page intended for students your age?

YES / NO

If not, please do not waste your time with this site.

Are there distracting advertisements on the page? YES / **NO**

Be aware of any pop-up or hidden advertisements. At school, please do not click on an advertisement except to close the window.

Is the page current?

Is there a date that tells you when the page was made? **YES** / NO

Is it always important to use current webpages? Not always, sometimes information doesn't change over time. You should always be aware of when the page was created.

Is there a date that tells you when the page was updated? YES / **NO** Copyright date

What Did You Learn?

Does the title of the page tell you what it is about? **YES** / NO

Skim the page to get an idea of what information you can learn.

Are the facts on the page what you were looking for? **YES** / NO

Do the **pictures** and photographs on the page help you understand the topic? **YES** / NO / NO PICTURES

Be wary of pictures which don't enhance the purpose of the page.

Would you have gotten more information from a printed source? **YES** / NO

Explain why you should verify information using a printed source.

Editors often check printed material and publishers want the facts to be accurate. I would also look for more information on this topic from a printed source.

Learn to identify BIAS.

Does the author of the page say some things you disagree with? YES / **NO**

What do you think the author is trying to communicate to the reader?

I think he's trying to give an accurate and realistic history of his people.

Does the author of the page include information that you know is wrong?

YES / **NO**

Is this site reliable?

Looking at all of the questions and answers above, do you believe this website is reliable and will give you correct information?

_____ yes _____ no X not sure

Write a brief paragraph telling why this website is helpful (or not helpful) for your project.

I think I would use a lot of information from this site only after I tried to verify whether the author was a noted historian. The site appears to contain factual information, but I would check out other sources of information to verify the facts found on this site.