

Website Evaluation - Elementary Level

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

<http://library.thinkquest.org/J002188F/>

What type of domain does it come from?

___ edu ___ gov X org ___ com ___ other

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

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 [Thinkquest](#)

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. The language makes me think that this site was created by students.](#)

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. There could be more pictures on this site.](#)

Are there links to other pages on this page?

YES / NO [In the bibliography section](#)

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

Is the page easy to navigate? YES / NO [Only way to navigate is from the links on left of 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

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 *Very few pictures. There is a distracting tomahawk on each page.*

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 reliable source on the Internet.

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 this page was created by students, maybe as a culminating project.

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 ___ not sure

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

I think this site will not be helpful to use if I am looking for accurate information. I realize that young students probably created the site; in fact I know it because of the Webquest connection. So, even though the site may contain facts that are correct, I will not use it to find information for my report.