

Web Page Evaluation

Fill out this form, checking boxes when necessary.

Date you are accessing this site/page: 10/12/03

Title of Page You Are Evaluating
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project

1. What is the URL: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/>

Personal Page or Site?

~ or %, or users, members, or people

What type of domain is it?
Appropriate for the content?

.com .org/.net .edu .gov/.mil/.us

Yes, this is appropriate for the subject of Dr. King because it is maintained by a reputable university known for sound scholarship.

non-US: _____

other: _____

2. Authenticity

What is the author's name(s)?

[Dr. Clayborne Carson](#), among a host of others.

Is there an email address? If so: ccarson@stanford.edu

What is the date this page was last updated?

Date 8/27/03 This information is current enough

Is this author a credible source of information?

yes no

Evidence of credentials:

Under his bio, the university lists his Ph.D in American History as having been received in 1975, and has been a professor and scholar since. He has also taught at American U., Emory U., and UC at Berkeley.

3. Quality

Are sources of information listed?

yes no

Should the sources be listed for the type of information they are giving?

yes no

Are there links to other sources of information? Do they work?

There is a section for outside links, but the page was down when I attempted to access this site. Perhaps they are under repair.

How objective is the information? Is there any bias present?

There is no bias that I can detect. It appears to be based on scholarship and allowing the papers of King (speeches, articles, sermons, etc.) to be viewed by the public, and the books to be ordered and/or purchased.

4. Relationship to the outside world

Who or what links to this page?

Go to google.com and type: link:[whatever the url is]

Numerous links, or not?

What do the other links say about this site?

Various sources (1,130 in total), from civil rights organizations to other universities, community centers, news organizations, history cites, religious organizations, foreign cites, etc. These sites view this one as a major source of information, perhaps even a base site with which to get started on the meat and potatoes of research on Dr. King.

Is the page listed in a reputable directory? What do they say about the site?

Check lii.org; infomine.ucr.edu; or about.com

It is listed in these directories, and they say it is a "major" source of information that is on-going in its task of disseminating the papers, speeches, and sermons of Dr. King, along with scholarly research.

Author search in Google: What was revealed?

In addition to thousands of sites or pages that advertise the various books that he has authored, the first link is his personal page, which also includes bio and CV (and the cv contains links to his articles and publications he has written).

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5. Purpose

Why was this page published to the web?

inform, facts, data explain persuade selling

entice share other: _____

Is the content of this site satirical or a parody?

yes no

If so, explain:

Does this page provide any more information than what could've been found in a printed source?

yes no

Though all of the information is derived from printed sources, they are difficult to come by (personal papers), or they must be ordered. Also, there are several audio sources available, which may not be in print any longer.

6. Presentation

Is this page complete, or under construction?

Though there are additions and modifications being added to it as the years go on.

complete under construction

Evaluate the navigational abilities of the page/site:

very easy basically easy somewhat difficult very difficult

Are there a lot of advertisements that appear?

a lot a few none

7. Overall Rating

five stars four stars three stars two stars one star