

MY RECOMMENDED WEB SITE

Purpose

Just because something is on the web doesn't make it automatically good or true. The purpose of this assignment is to enable you to critically evaluate the credibility of a web site.

Assignment

1. Find a web site** that both interests you and relates to our class work. Feel free to use the Ms.S.Work web sites as directories or starting points, but your site cannot be one that is already listed in Ms.S.Work.

**A web site is a collection of web pages related to a particular topic.

2. Use **your ndhs e-mail account** to e-mail the TITLE and URL of your site to me: lseif@ndhs4girls.org. Include your class period in your message.

3. Write a word processed analysis of your website (standard one-inch margins, 12 pt. default font, and 1.5 line spacing) that contains the following:

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Your Name, Class, Period

A. Site Title and URL

B. Annotation (An annotation is a brief explanation or comment about what can be found in this web site.)

C. Analysis Questions:

Type each **bolded question** and then answer it with site-specific examples and explanations!!!!

1. What is the purpose of this site?

Choose from one of the following categories.**

- a. Advocacy: promotes a cause or point of view.
- b. Informational: presents factual information.
- c. News: provides "extremely current" information.
- d. Personal: addresses an individual's opinions, interests, results of research, etc.
- e. Business/Marketing sponsored by a commercial enterprise (usually to promote or sell products).

**Source = <http://www2.widener.edu/Wolfgram-Memorial-Library/webevaluation/busmark.htm>

2. Who is the author and/or sponsor? What author/sponsor background information is provided?

3. How does the site's homepage indicate major topics and sub-topics?

4. Is one able to navigate the pages of this web site without using the browser's Back/Forward buttons?

5. What does this site provide that is not available in general reference works like encyclopedias?

6. Does this web site contain helpful, active links to related web sites? Are there any broken links?

- 7. Are the layout, choice of background, graphics, and text attractive? Is the text clear and readable?**
- 8. Where did you find how to contact someone related to this site? Copy/paste the e-mail address, if provided.**
- 9. When was this site last updated?**
- 10. Answer one of the following questions that is best suited to the purpose of your web site.**
 - a. Was a bibliography provided?**
 - b. Has this site been reviewed (awards)?**
 - c. What age group is the targeted audience of this site?**

D. Conclusion

In two or three paragraphs, summarize the overall strengths and weaknesses of your site and explain why you think other students in your class should visit this site.

Grading/Due Dates

1. E-mailed TITLE and URL = 20 points (Grading penalty if late)

Due on:

2. Analysis** = 100 points total.
 - A. 10 points
 - B. 10 points
 - C. 50 points
 - D. 30 points

Due on:

3. Following Analysis Directions = 10 points.

**The Analysis must be turned in on time. Absentees may e-mail, fax, or mail their work to me on the due date.