

1. Look at the URL.		
Title of page that you are evaluating:		
Personal page or site?	<input type="checkbox"/> ~ or %, or users, members, or people	<input type="checkbox"/> ~ or %, or users, members, or people
What type of domain is it? Is it appropriate for the content?	<input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> .org/ .net <input type="checkbox"/> .edu <input type="checkbox"/> .gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-U.S. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> .com <input type="checkbox"/> .org/ .net <input type="checkbox"/> .edu <input type="checkbox"/> .gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-U.S. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Published by the entity that makes sense? Does it correspond to the name of the site?	Publisher or domain site name:	Publisher or domain site name:
2. Scan the perimeter of the page, looking for the answers to these questions.		
Who wrote the page?	<input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> email <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____
Dated?	Date _____ Is it current enough?	Date _____ Is it current enough?
Credentials on this subject? (Truncate back the URL if there are no useful links)	Evidence?	Evidence?
3. Look for these indicators of quality:		
Sources well documented?		
Is it complete? If it is second hand information, is it forged? (Not altered)		
Links to more resources? Do the links work?		
Other viewpoints? Are they biased?		
4. What do others that has visited the website say?		
Who links to it? Hint: in Goggle search: link: all or part of URL	Many or few? Opinions of it?	Many or few? Opinions of it?
Is the page rated well in the directory? http://lii.org or http://infomine.ucr.edu		
Look up the author in Google What do you find?		
5. Does it all add up?		
Why was the page put on the Web?	<input type="checkbox"/> Info, facts data <input type="checkbox"/> Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Entice <input type="checkbox"/> Share/ disclose <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Info, facts data <input type="checkbox"/> Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Entice <input type="checkbox"/> Share/ disclose <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Possibly Ironic? Satire or Parody?		

Bottom Line: Is the web page as good as (or better than) what you could find in journal articles or other published literature that is not on the free, general web?