

Web Page **Credibility** Checklist

Directions: It's easy to find a website that lacks accurate information or leans towards personal opinion or bias.

7 or more points: This is probably a reliable source; consider using it.

4-6 points: This might be a good source; try to find out more about it before using it.

3 or less: This is probably not worth including in your sources.

1st Website URL:

http:// _____

Positives (+)			
This site...	Identify the underlined information	Yes	No
Has an identifiable <u>group or individual responsible for the content</u> .		1	0
Is maintained by a <u>credible person or organization</u> .		1	0
Has been <u>updated in the past 3 to 6 months</u> .	Date:	1	0
Has external links to other <u>credible websites</u> .	List one:	1	0
Has a <u>.gov or .edu</u> suffix.		1	0
Provides <u>contact information</u> for the person or organization responsible for the site's content.		1	0
<u>Provides facts</u> , not just opinions.	List one fact:	1	0
	Subtotal:		
Negatives (-)			
Shows <u>bias towards a specific opinion</u> or point of view.	List one bias opinion:	-1	0
Contains <u>many misspellings and/or broken links</u> .	List one:	-1	0
Main purpose is to <u>sell a product</u> or service.		-1	0
Has no external links.	N/A	-1	0
	Final total:		

2nd Website URL:

http:// _____

Positives (+)			
This site...	Identify the underlined information	Yes	No
Has an identifiable <u>group or individual responsible for the content</u> .		1	0
Is maintained by a <u>credible person or organization</u> .		1	0
Has been <u>updated in the past 3 to 6 months</u> .	Date:	1	0
Has external links to other <u>credible websites</u> .	List one:	1	0
Has a <u>.gov or .edu</u> suffix.		1	0
Provides <u>contact information</u> for the person or organization responsible for the site's content.		1	0
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