Identifying High-Quality Sites \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Site URL

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| **Current** | **Circle One** | **Add details to Explain** |
| 1. Can you find the date the article, page, or site was created? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Can you find the date it was last revised? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Do all the links lead to active pages?   (no dead links) | YES NO |  |
| **Relevant** | **Circle One** | **Add details to Explain** |
| 1. Does the site have enough information for your research? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Is most of the information on the site useful for your research? (If not, it may be hard to find what you need.) | YES NO |  |
| 1. Can you understand the text? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Do the titles and headings give a clear idea of the content? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Are there photos, maps, charts,   or other illustrations that help you  understand the information? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Is there a tool for searching the site? | YES NO |  |
| **Authority** | **Circle One** | **Add details to Explain** |
| 1. Is the author identified by name? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Are sources given for statistics? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Is the site’s domain .edu, .net, .org,   or .gov? (If you see a ~ in the  URL, it may be a personal site, not  an official site.) | YES NO |  |

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| **Accurate** | **Circle One** | **Add details to Explain** |
| 1. Is the information supported by facts (evidence)? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Is the site free of spelling, typographical, and grammatical errors? | YES NO |  |
| 1. Is the tone calm and fair? (Sites   that are mean and angry may not  be good sources of information.) | YES NO |  |
| **Purpose** | **Circle One** | **Add details to Explain** |
| 1. Can you tell if the site is fact or opinion? | YES NO |  |
| 1. What is the purpose of the information? To inform or teach? | YES NO |  |
| 1. If there are ads, is it easy to tell the   difference between ads and content? | YES NO |  |

**How many times did you circle YES? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of a total of 18**

**Score your site!**

**13 – 18: You’ve got a winner!** You can trust the information on your site, and it’s easy to use, too!

**9 – 12: Proceed with caution.** If you use any information from your site, be sure to fact check

it on a site you can trust. You can also quote the author’s opinion, but make sure you say

that’s what it is.

**0 – 8: Sorry, your site is a dud.** It isn’t safe to use this site as a source of information, so find a better one.