Websites are not reviewed for quality before they are published, so you need to evaluate their reliability for yourself. Here are some steps in judging the website’s quality:

**Who is the author (person or organization) of this site?**

**Who wrote the web page?**
Name:

- □ I couldn’t tell.

**What are the credentials of the author?**
Credentials:

- □ I couldn’t tell.

**Is the author respected as an expert on this topic?** (Hint: Google the author’s name to see what information is available about this person or group)

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ I couldn’t tell

**What is the purpose of this web page?**

Look for clues in the URL/web address.

- □ (com) a company or business
- □ (edu) an academic institution
- □ (gov) a U.S. Government agency
- □ (.org or .net) an organization or network
- □ personal web site (for example, .......
- □ Other: ______________________

Why was this web page published?

- □ Persuade
- □ Inform with facts or data
- □ Sell products or ads
- □ Connect people or groups
- □ Entertain
- □ Other __________________________

**How reliable is the content of this web page?**

Check all of these indicators of quality that apply:

- □ Mostly factual, balanced information (not biased, one-sided opinions)
- □ Information is well documented (the sources of factual information are provided)
- □ Links to more resources are available

Date the web page was created or last updated: ______________________

- □ I couldn’t tell.

**How up-to-date is information on this web page?**

**Is currency important for the topic of this web page?**

- □ Yes
- □ Not really

**Do the links on this page work?**

- □ Yes
- □ Some links are broken

**Overall evaluation**

What is your evaluation of the quality and reliability of this web page?

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