



# Web Site Detective

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<b>Criteria #1: Purpose</b> (Why was this website created?)	<b>Website #1 Name</b>	<b>Website #2 Name</b>	<b>Website #3 Name</b>
What is the domain name? .net, .com, .gov, .org, .edu			
Is it a personal page?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Why was this site created? -to persuade -to inform -to explain -to sell -to promote -to be a parody -to entertain			
Does the website's purpose fit your needs?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #2: Authority/Credibility</b> (Can I trust the author?)			
Is the author's name stated on the website?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Does the website state where the author's information came from?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Is the author part of an organization, association, or institution related to the subject? (About this site, © at the bottom)	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
What makes the author an expert? (About the Author)			
Can you contact the author or webmaster?	Email phone # address	Email phone # address	Email phone # address
Do you trust the information provided on this website?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No

<b>Criteria #3:</b> <b>Currency</b> (Is this website up to date?)	<b>Website #1</b>	<b>Website #2</b>	<b>Website #3</b>
Can you find the date the website was created?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
When was the website last updated?			
Do the links on the page work?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Is this website up to date enough for the information on it?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #4: Accuracy</b> (Is the information correct?)			
Are the grammar and spelling correct?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Does the information on the page agree with other sources on webpages, in books, or magazines?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Is there a bibliography or other links for more information on the same subject?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Based on your knowledge of the subject, does the information appear to be accurate?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #5:</b> <b>Overall Design</b>			
Is the text readable?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Do the graphics and colors enhance the content of the site?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Are the pages uncluttered and appealing to the eye?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Is the site well organized with an index or table of contents?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Is it easy to follow directions and navigate around the site?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No

<b>Criteria #6: Relevancy</b> (Will this website have the information I need?)	<b>Website #1</b>	<b>Website #2</b>	<b>Website #3</b>
Is the information easy to understand?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Are the facts on the page what you are looking for?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Is there any new information on this website?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Are the links to other pages helpful?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
Would you get better information in a book?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No

	<b>Website #1</b>	<b>Website #2</b>	<b>Website #3</b>
<b>Criteria #1: Purpose</b> Does the website's purpose fit your needs?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #2: Authority/Credibility</b> Do you trust the information provided on this website?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #3: Currency</b> Is this website up to date enough for the information on it?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #4: Accuracy</b> Based on your knowledge of the subject, does the information appear to be accurate?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #5: Overall Design</b> Is the site well organized and appealing to the eye?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No
<b>Criteria #6: Relevancy</b> Are the facts on the page what you are looking for?	Yes or No	Yes or No	Yes or No

**Would you recommend these websites? Why or why not?**