Web Page Evaluation Checklist

Title of web site: …………………………………………………………………………….

What…is the focus?		
Is it relevant? *Consider the level of the information – is it too basic or too specialised? You may also need to think about whether the time span or geographical area covered is appropriate.*	☐Yes	☐No
Comments:		

Who…produced it?		
Is there a named author(s)?	☐Yes	☐No
Is the author(s) an authority in the field? *If you don't know, check them out! Use LibrarySearch or a bibliographic database to search for other publications by the author.*	☐Yes	☐No
Is it a personal web site or hosted by an organisation? *Check the URL if you are not sure. Personal sites often have a personal name in the URL.*	☐Personal	☐Organisation
Which domain extension does the URL of the web site have? *Consider whether this is appropriate.*	☐ .com ☐ .org ☐ .ac.uk ☐ .edu ☐ .gov ☐ other	
Are the author/organisation contact details given? *This will be useful if any information needs to be verified.*		
Comments:		

Why…has it been produced?		
Is it intended for an academic audience? *Web sites are produced for many reasons e.g. to advertise, educate, promote a cause, etc.*	☐Yes	☐No
Does it refer to other sources of information or research on the topic?	☐Yes	☐No
Do you think the information is unbiased?	☐Yes	☐No
Comments:		

When…was it published?		
Is a publication date given?	☐Yes	☐No
Has the information been updated recently? *If no date is given, check for broken links.*	☐Yes	☐No
Is the information up-to-date enough? *Consider whether or not a recent date of publication is important for your work.*	☐Yes	☐No
Comments:		

Conclusion		
Is the information of comparable quality to that which you would find in a journal article or book?	☐Yes	☐No
Comments:		