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Website Evaluation

Use the following criteria and questions to evaluate websites for use in your research:

| Criteria | Your Evaluation |
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| Website <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title• Author or Publisher• Last updated• URL | |
| Authority <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the credentials of the author or publisher?• Is this a personal page or is it sponsored by an organization?• What is the point of view or perspective of the creator? | |
| Navigation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What navigation tools are embedded in the site (e.g., navigation bar, tabs, left or right channel, site map) and how easily is the site navigated?• What tools are offered to make the text easier to navigate (e.g., headings, bullets, graphics, highlighting)?• Are all embedded links active? | |
| Relevance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the website address your topic and research questions?• Can you read and understand the text? | |
| Accuracy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the information appear to be accurate because it matches information found in other resources? Is it up-to-date?• Is the information mostly facts or opinion?• Is believable evidence provided to back up all statements? | |
| Comprehensiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the information complete and comprehensive?• Does the site present more than one perspective? | |