

Web Page Evaluation

[List three sites relevant to the course material that offer different perspectives on the same issue.]

1) Analyze each web page by asking yourself the following questions.

	Site One	Site Two	Site Three
Who is responsible for creating this website?			
When was this website created?			
What are the strengths of this website?			
How even-handed is this website? Does it have any potential for bias?			

2) Compare the three sites; how are they different?

	Site One	Site Two	Site Three
Who is the intended audience?			
What is its primary focus?			
What evidence is provided for claims?			

3) Using the [your choice] database, find a recent scholarly article on the same topic and note the author(s), title, journal, volume, date, and page numbers. How does the article compare to the information you found on the three websites? [Alternatively, the instructor could identify an article from a database and provide either a link or a copy. Or the instructor could choose websites on the same topic as a scholarly article being read for class and use that for comparative purposes.]

4) If you were going to cite one of these web pages as a source, you would need to seek out the following information. Choose one of the sites and see if you can identify these elements.

- ✓ Author(s); check bottom of page for a personal link; look for “about” links
(Note: For some websites, like those of government agencies and non-profit organizations, the author may be the office or organization, rather than a specific person.)
- ✓ Title; if there is no obvious title, use: Home page
- ✓ Title of entire website, if the page is part of a larger site
- ✓ Date the page created or updated; check the bottom of the page
- ✓ Web address

Write a citation for one of the pages in [your choice of] format.

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