SJHS Website Evaluation Criteria

When using an Internet site as a source for research, consider the following:

Currency
Does it tell you when it was posted/last updated?
Is the information used in the site current?
Is it current relative to the topic? (some information is rapidly changing, other information is not.)

Authority
Does an author or organization take responsibility for the site?
Is the author or organization reputable?
Is there a way to contact the author or webmaster?
Is there a bibliography?

Relevance
Does it answer your questions?
Does it have the information needed to write about the topic well?
Does the information support other information you have found on this topic?

Author's Purpose
Was the author's purpose to inform?
Was the author's purpose to advertise?
Was the author's purpose to entertain?
Is the site biased? (look at all information and word choice)
Is the site balanced? (covers all views/information)

Technical Concerns
Is the site easy to load?
Is it easy to read?
Is it easy to navigate?
Do all of the links work?
SJHS Website Evaluation Form

This form must be completed and submitted when using an Internet site as a source for your research paper.

Your name: __________________________

URL: ________________________________

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Authority
Who is the author or organization that is responsible for the site?
_____________________________________
Are they reputable? ______________________
What is the contact information for the author or webmaster?
_____________________________________
Is there a bibliography? __________________

Relevancy
Does it answer your questions? ___________
Does it have the information needed to write about the topic well? _______
Does the information support other information you have found on this topic? _______

Author's Purpose
What is the author's or organization's purpose?
Circle one: to inform  to advertise  to entertain
Is the site biased? (look at all information and word choice) __________
Is the site balanced? (covers all views/information) __________

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