Internet Sources: Reliable or Sketchy?

Group Members Hour:

Name of Site URL

**Website Test**

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| Purpose of the Site | Circle One | Add details to explain |
| 1. Is the site free of advertising? | Yes No |  |
| 2. If there are ads, is it easy to tell the difference between ads and content? | Yes No |  |
| 3. Is the site sponsored by any organizations? | Yes No |  |
| 4. Is the site open to everyone? (no age requirements, fees, passwords, or registration) | Yes No |  |
| 5. Is the site’s domain .edu, .net, .org, or .gov? | Yes No |  |
| Trustworthiness of the Author | Circle One | Add details to explain |
| 6. Is the author’s name on the website? | Yes No |  |
| 7. Is the place the author works or the organization he/she belongs to on the website? | Yes No |  |
| 8. Can the author be contacted if you have questions? (by email, street address, or phone number?) | Yes No |  |
| 9. Is the site free of spelling, typographical, or grammatical errors? | Yes No |  |
| Up-To-Date Information | Circle One | Add details to explain |
| 10. Can you find the date the article, page or site was created? | Yes No |  |
| 11. Can you find the date it was last revised? | Yes No |  |
| 12. Is the date it was revised in the past 10 years? | Yes No |  |
| 13. Do all the links lead to active pages? (no dead links) | Yes No |  |
| Ease of Use | Circle One | Add details to explain |
| 14. Is the type easy to see? | Yes No |  |
| 15. Do the titles and headings give a clear idea of the content? | Yes No |  |
| 16. Are the links labeled clearly? | Yes No |  |
| 17. Do pages load quickly? | Yes No |  |
| 18. Are there photos, maps, charts, or other illustrations that help you understand the information? | Yes No |  |