

## Website Credibility Checklist

**Website Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**URL:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Authority and Accuracy</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
The site's domain is .edu, .org, or .gov.		
The title of the website is easily identifiable.		
The site's author or webmaster is easily identifiable. (NOTE: this can be an organization, not necessarily one single person.)		
The author/webmaster's qualifications are listed on the page OR are well-known OR are easily verified.		
Contact info is provided for the author/webmaster.		
The site can be publicly viewed, but can only be edited by the author/webmaster.		
The site includes multiple links to other credible websites.		
The site includes the origin of all sources (such as photos) and information (such as historical dates) either through footnotes or links to other credible sites.		
The page is free of misspellings and grammatical errors.		
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
The purpose of the site is to provide information, NOT entertainment, opinion, or sales.		
The information contained in the website is factual and impartial.		
The site is well-organized and easy to read.		
<b>Currency</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
The site clearly states when it was last modified.		
The site was modified recently.		
The site is well-maintained and easy to use.		
Any links on the site are current and functional (not broken).		
<b>Total</b>		

1. Do you consider this website credible or not?
2. Which of the factors in the checklist were most important in making your decision?
3. Were you surprised by what you found?
4. How can you use the information from this activity in your classroom?