Assignment #4

Web site evaluation homework

There are 3 parts to this assignment:
1. Watch a short video & answer 2 questions.
2. Read over the Web Site Evaluation Form to familiarize yourself with it.
3. Print this out and bring it to class in the Library Classroom on Monday.

Part I: Watch this short video and answer the two questions that follow in the space provided.

https://www.commoncraft.com/video/website-evaluation

1. Why are books considered trustworthy sources of information?

2. State at least four things you should do to determine if a website is trustworthy.

Part II: Read the following and become familiar with how to evaluate web sites; when you're done with both parts, print this out.

Web Site Evaluation Form

It is important for you to evaluate information you find on the Internet. Anyone with a little bit of computer knowledge can write a Web page and publish it on the Internet. This does not mean the information is accurate.
Here are some guidelines you can use to determine if the site you find is a good one.
Student:_____
Title of the site:

_____
URL:

_____
Who created the Web site? (very important)
Is the author's name and e-mail address included?

                                                                                   YES_____
NO_____
Author's Name _____
Are the author's credentials are given? (education, position)   YES_____
NO_____
Is the author an expert in the field?
              YES_____NO_____
Is there an address or phone number to verify the author? (e-mail address is not enough)

YES_____
NO_____
Is there a well known organization or institution associated with or sponsoring the
site?
                                                                              YES_____
NO_____

Name of organization or institution:_____
Is there a phone number or address given so you can verify the organization or
institution associated with the site?
                                                                              YES_____
NO_____

**What is the purpose of the Web site? (Is it to entertain, persuade, educate, or
sell?)**
Is the organization or institution associated with the site from an educational
institution(.edu), from an organization
(.org). or from the government (.gov)? or other? Which one? _____
(Keep in mind sites from company's (.com) may be trying to sell you something).
Is the information factual, and not just someone's personal opinion and/or feelings?

                                                                              YES
_____NO_____
(Keep in mind some organizations may provide you with only one point of view on a
subject. For example, the information provided about gun control from the *American
Rifle Association* Web site will not be the same as the
information provided about gun control you find on the *Coalition to Stop Gun
Violence* Web site).
Is the Information Accurate?
Is the content meaningful and useful?   YES_____
NO_____
Is the page free from spelling and grammatical errors?   YES_____
NO_____
Is there a bibliography of the author's resources included?   YES___
  NO_____
Do other web sites provide a link to this website? (In Google enter link:url of your
web site)
                                                                    YES____No__
_____
Have you been able to verify the information you found on this site in another
resource?
                                                                              YES_____
NO_____
(online newspaper, magazine, book, another website or database) It is very
important that you do this.
Name of other resource _____
Is the information current?
Is the material on the page dated? Does the site have a copyright date, or revision
date where it says last updated

on?

YES_____NO_____

Are the links up to date and working?   YES_____ NO_____

Is the Web site designed well?

Do the pages load quickly?   YES_____ NO_____

Is the site easy to navigate through and can you find what you want easily?

YES_____ NO_____

Is the site free from too many distracting images, animations, colors, wild
backgrounds,
and sounds?   YES_____
NO_____

Should you use this Web site for information?

The more **No** answers you have, the more you should question the accuracy of
information on the Web site.

How many questions did you answer YES? _____ How many questions did you
answer NO? _____

Based on your answers , do you think this Web site is a reliable source of
information for you to use?

YES_____ NO_____