How to evaluate a web site.

You can evaluate the quality of a web site by answering the following questions:

1. **AUTHORITY:**
   Who is the author of the web site?
   ____________________________________________________
   What is the author’s qualifications?
   ____________________________________________________
   Who is the sponsor of the site?
   ____________________________________________________
   What information is given about the origin of this site from the URL?
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2. **ACCURACY:**
   Is the information reliable and free from error (compare with another source e.g. book, encyclopaedia)
   ____________________________________________________
   Are sources of information clearly stated?
   ____________________________________________________

3. **OBJECTIVITY:**
   Is there evidence of bias of a particular point of view?
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4. **CURRENCY:**
   What is the date of publication of the information on the web? or when was it last updated?
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5. **COVERAGE/LINKS:**
   What topics are included in the work (look at headings and subheadings)
   ____________________________________________________
   Are the topics on the site explored in depth?
   ____________________________________________________
   What links are given from this site to other information?
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6. **PRESENTATION:**
   Is the site laid out clearly and logically in well organised subsections?
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   Is the site easy to navigate? (clearly labelled links and icons)
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