Web Page Evaluation Checklist

Determining if a Website is Credible/Valid or a Hoax

	Title of the page you are evaluating:	Title of the page you are evaluating:
Look at the URL: What type of domain is it?	☐ .com ☐ .org/net ☐ .edu ☐ .gov/us ☐ other _____	☐ .com ☐ .org/net ☐ .edu ☐ .gov/us ☐ other _____
Who wrote this page?	e-mail provided _____ name/author _____	e-mail provided _____ name/author _____
Is it dated?	Date? _____ Is this current? _____	Date? _____ Is this current? _____
Are sources well documented?	Yes?-how_____ _____ _____ No?	Yes?-how_____ _____ _____ No?
Are there links to more resources? Do they work?	Links to: _____ _____ _____ _____	Links to: _____ _____ _____ _____
Do others link to this site?	☐ yes ☐ no	☐ yes ☐ no
Can you find other websites to validate or refute this website?	Validate? – list sources:_____ _____ _____ Refute? – list sources: _____ _____ _____	Validate? – list sources:_____ _____ _____ Refute? – list sources: _____ _____ _____
Does it all add up? Why was the page put on the web?	☐ Inform – facts ☐ Explain ☐ Persuade ☐ Sell ☐ Entice Other: _____	☐ Inform – facts ☐ Explain ☐ Persuade ☐ Sell ☐ Entice Other: _____
Explain with 3 or more sentences why the website has valid information or why the website is a hoax.	Valid: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Hoax: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Valid: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Hoax: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____