Source Evaluation Sheet

Name of the source: _____

Where can I find it? _____

What type of source is it?

_____	Government website	_____	Institutional site
_____	Peer-reviewed journal	_____	Reputable news source
_____	Blog	_____	Web forum
_____	Individual/business website		

WEBSITE EVALUATION CHECKLIST		
Credibility: A souce that is created by a person or organization who knows the subject and who cares about its quality.	**Yes**	**No**
● Is there a publishing or sponsoring organization?	_____	_____
● Does the individual or organization list all of their qualifications, or credentials? Are they experts in their field?	_____	_____
● Does the website end in an .edu, .org, or .gov in its URL?	_____	_____
Accuracy: A source with information that is current, complete, and correct.		
● Based on the reading you have already done on the subject, does the information on the site seem accurate?	_____	_____
● Is the website free of spelling errors, grammatical errors, dead links, or other problems that indicate lack of quality control?	_____	_____
Reasonableness: a source that is truthful and unbiased.		
● Does the website avoid advertising that may be in conflict with the content of the website?	_____	_____
● If an issue is covered, are both sides presented?	_____	_____
● Do you trust the author or organization that has created the website?	_____	_____
Support: A source with verifiable sources of information.		
● Is factual information referenced in footnotes or a bibliography?	_____	_____
If you answered "No" to any of these questions, please explain why you would still like to use this source.		