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| Title | **Evaluating Websites** |
| **Due Date** | **Due Wednesday** |
| Where to Post | Click on "New Post" button above and type your response in the space provided below.  Click Save. |
| Subject | Your Name / Evaluating Websites |
| Points | 10 |
| Criteria | * On time, posted in the correct forum, correct subject line. * Demonstrates an understanding of applying evaluation criteria in a brief summary of two selected web sites. * Citations are in MLA style, correctly composed including spelling, formatting and punctuation. * Evaluations are descriptive and critical, using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation. |
| Objective | To apply critical evaluation skills to resources found on the World Wide Web. |

#### **Assignment:**

After reading [*ICYouSEE*,](http://www.uri.edu/library/staff_pages/kinnie/lib120/info.html) find two NEW "BEST" websites on your topic. For each of these two 'best' websites, complete following two tasks.

#### **Step One:**

After reading and using this style guide, [MLA citation](http://libguides.seattlecentral.edu/MLA), write a citation for each of your two best websites in the correct format. Please do NOT use citations that you have used in an earlier assignment.

#### **Step Two:**

Evaluate each of two websites you selected. For the evaluation, use the criteria listed below and write an 8-10 sentence evaluation for each. For the evaluation, you do not need to answer every question listed below but use them as guidance for deciding what to write. Write up your annotations in narrative form.

Criteria for Evaluating Websites:

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| Purpose | * What is the purpose of the site? Why did the author write this? * What is the author trying to do? Entertain? Persuade? Sell? Inform? * Is the purpose clear from the title of the site? * Who is the audience for this site? * What are the author's findings, results, and conclusions? |
| Authority | * Who created this site? * Are the authors clearly identified? (If the creator is not clear, use the Who Is search at <http://www.allwhois.com/>to find out who registered the domain name.) * What is their expertise in this area? * Is email contact possible? * What organization is the author affiliated with? * Do the hyperlinks at this site lead to reputable websites? |
| Accuracy | * Is the information correct? true? * How does it compare with others? |
| Objectivity | * Is it inherently biased? * Are there other sides to the story? |
| Currency | * Is the content up to date? * When was the information first placed on the Web? * When was the information last revised? |
| Design | * Are the images, if any, useful to understanding the content of the page? * Do the hyperlinks work? * Are the links clearly visible and explanatory? * Are there headings and subheadings on the page? If so, are they helpful? * On supporting pages, is there a link back to the home page? |
| Relevancy | * How useful is this website to your research? * How does information on the site compare to other sources on this topic |

#### **Step Three:**

Post your two citations with their evaluations below.