



Why Do You Trust This Website?



Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Title of the site: _____ Teacher: _____

URL: _____

It is important for you to decide if you can trust information you find on the Internet. Anyone with computer knowledge can write a Web page and publish it on the Internet. This does not mean the information is accurate. Use this form to explain why you think the information on the website can be trusted.

You Believe you can trust the information on this site because: circle the number(s) of the answers that apply and complete the information. If you can answer any question from 1 to 5 in Section 1 you do not need to complete Section 2 on the back of this form.

Section 1

1. Your teacher or librarian told you it is a site you can trust.

Teacher or Librarian's signature: _____

2. Your parent told you it is a site you can trust.

Parent's signature: _____

3. The Jericho Middle School Library's Website or your teacher directed you to this page.

4. You have been able to verify this information in another source.

Example: book, magazine, newspaper

Name the source: _____

5. A well known organization or institution created the site such as:

The United States government. Example: NASA (.gov)

A reputable well known organization. Example: American Cancer Society (.org)

A famous museum. Example: The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Name the organization or institution: _____



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Section 2

Complete section 2 only if you cannot complete any single question in section 1.

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Listed below is some things you can look for when you are trying to decide if you can trust the information you find on the Internet. Circle the letters that apply to your website. The more letters you circle, the more you can trust the information on the site.

A. The author's credentials are given and he or she is from a well known reputable organization or institution. There is an address or phone number to verify the author or institution associated with or sponsoring the site.

Example: a professor from Yale University

B. The information is factual, not just someone's personal opinion and/or feelings.

C. The website contains a bibliography to support the information with research from other sources.

D. The website is designed well. Examples:

The website is attractive with no grammatical or spelling mistakes.

The website is easy to navigate, you find what you want quickly, and the pages load fast.

The site is free from too many distracting images, animations, colors, wild backgrounds, and sounds.

E. The information is current. The site includes a copyright or revision date, and the links work.

*Using the criteria above, explain why you believe you can trust the information on this website