INTERNET JOURNAL, EVALUATION AND CITATION OF INTERNET RESOURCES

Internet Journal

Due Date: ______________

This project involves surfing on the internet, finding, reading and summarizing webpages related to biology. Remember that InfoTrac, EBSCOhost, JSTOR, Gale and similar sources of periodicals are not websites, but online access to magazines, journals, etc. These sites are not appropriate sources of information. You must use CREDIBLE websites, which means Wikipedia is also not appropriate.

Once you have found appropriate webpages, print the articles, then type a one page summary of the information in each article. AT THE END OF YOUR SUMMARY, GIVE THE PROPER CITATION AND EXPLAIN WHY THE ARTICLE IS CREDIBLE. In addition to the citation at the end of the summary, record the title of the article, the date the article was taken from the world wide web, and the URL on the accompanying grading sheet.

Staple each article to its summary and place them together in a pocket folder, and include the grading sheet as a cover page for the articles. Write your name and lab day and time clearly on the front of the folder.

Your article must have enough information to allow you to write a one-page summary. It is also important to understand that a summary is a condensed version of the article, in your own words. Your reader will know some of the facts provided in the article after reading your summary. A summary is not a listing of what type of information is in the article.

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# Internet Grading Sheet

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Evaluating Web Information
(reformatted from BC Library website http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/webeval.asp)

The more questions you can answer, the more reliable the web site.

WHO is the author of the information? WHO is the host or sponsor of the web site?

- What information do they provide about themselves?
- Can you contact them? Is there an e-mail address? Do they list a street address?
- If you can't tell who is behind it…don't use it!

WHY was the site created? Does it have a specific purpose?

- Does it state a purpose or mission? What is it? To sell? To inform? To persuade? Other? (Look for an “About Us” link.)
- What type of site is it?
  - .com = commercial
  - .net = network
  - .gov = government
  - .org = non-profit organization
  - .edu = educational
  - ~(tilde) = personal web page

WHAT is the point of view?

- Is there any bias or slant? Or, is it neutral?
- Are there links to other viewpoints? Or, does it present both sides of the issue?

HOW credible is the source?

- Does the author or organization have expertise on the topic? What education, degrees, or work experience does the author have?
- Who is the intended audience? College students? Consumers? Children?
- Is it scholarly—that is, written by a researcher or expert for a college or academic audience?
- Are the sources credited with a bibliography, works cited list, or references?
- Are there any obvious errors or misinformation? Is it a collaborative site such as Wikipedia to which anyone can post or edit information?

WHEN was it last updated?

- Is the information current? When was it last revised? What is the copyright date?
- Are there many broken links?

WHERE can I find more information?

- What can you find out about the author or site using other Internet sources or library reference materials? Some suggestions are Librarians’ Internet Index (www.lii.org), Contemporary Authors, Gale Biography Resource Center, Encyclopedia of Associations, and Magazines for Libraries.
How to Cite Documents from an Internet Source
(modified from BC Library website http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/library/webeval.asp)

Author(s). "Article Title." Name of web site. Date of posting/revision. Name of institution/organization affiliated with site. Date of access <electronic address>.

Examples:

**Article from an Internet Site [MLA 5.9.1]**


24 Nov 2007 <www.cis.org/articles/2000/back400>. (Note: Web site name and organization are the same, so the information is not repeated.)

**Article from an Internet Site with no author named [MLA 5.9.1]**

“Why the NAFTA Highway?.” FAIR: Restoring Common Sense to America’s Immigration System.

Federation for American Immigration Reform. 24 Nov 2007

</www.fair.org/site/PageNavigator/research_nafta>. (Note: A posting date was not provided for this page.)