***Reliable Website Checklist***

The internet is expanding each day. There is no agency that reviews the accuracy of information posted on websites, so it is up to US to determine if a website contains accurate information! Use the following questions to help in this process:

**C**urrency

Y N Is the information current? (sometimes, this depends on the topic)

Y N Can you identify when this page was written or updated?

**R**elevancy (Coverage/Scope/Usefulness)

Y N Does the site include a table of contents or index?

Y N Does this site include information that answers your information need?

Y N Is this information useful for your research purpose?

Y N Does the page agree with other information that you've already found?

**A**uthority

Y N Can you easily identify the author? (Scan the perimeter, or Check “About us” or “Contact us” on the home page.)

Y N Is the author qualified to write about this topic? What are their credentials?

Y N Is there information on the home page about the author and/or website sponsor?

**B**ias (Objectivity)

Y N Does this page provide unbiased information?

Y N Does this page try to persuade you to a particular viewpoint?

Y N Does this page try to sell anything?

Y N If there is advertising on the page, is it clearly set apart from the informational content?

*(Advertising included to offset cost of keeping the page on the internet is okay.)*

Don’t forget about...

**Accuracy**

Y N Did the author include a list of sources used to create the page?

Y N Is the information on the page free of grammatical, spelling and typographical errors?

Y N If this page has charts or graphs, are they clearly labeled and easy to read?

Y N Is there an indication that the site is under construction or completed?