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Internet Resource Evaluation

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Answer yes or no to each of the following questions, and if the page gives the information, write it on the line next to the answer.

AUTHORITY

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| 1. Is there a sponsoring organization for the page? | Yes | No |
| 2. What is the top-level domain of the site (.edu, .gov, etc...) | _____ | |
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| 4. Is there a way of verifying the legitimacy of the page's sponsor? Is there a phone number or postal address to contact for more information? (Simply and e-mail address is not enough). | Yes | No |
| 5. Is it clear who is the author? | Yes | No |
| 6. Are the author's qualifications for writing on this topic clearly stated? | Yes | No |
| 7. Is the name of the copyright holder given? | Yes | No |

ACCURACY

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| 1. Are the sources for any factual information clearly listed so they can be Verified in another source? | Yes | No |
| 2. Is the information free of grammatical, spelling, and other typographical errors? (These kinds of errors not only indicate a lack of quality control, but also can actually produce inaccuracies in information). | Yes | No |
| 3. If there are charts or graphs containing statistical data, are they clearly labeled and easy to read? | Yes | No |

OBJECTIVITY

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| 1. Is the information provided as a public service? | Yes | No |
| 2. Is the information free of advertising? | Yes | No |
| 3. If there is any advertising on the page, is it clearly differentiated from the informational content? | Yes | No |
| 4. Does the author have a bias? | Yes | No |
| 5. Is the author affiliated with a particular organization or association? | Yes | No |

CURRENCY

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| 1. Are there dates on the page to indicate: | | |
| a. When the page was written? | Yes | No |
| b. When the page was first placed on the Web? | Yes | No |
| c. When the page was last revised? | Yes | No |
| 2. Are there any other indications that the material is kept current? | Yes | No |
| 3. If material is presented in graphs or charts, is it clearly stated when the data was gathered? | | |
| 4. Are the links up-to-date? | Yes | No |

COVERAGE

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| 1. Is there an indication that the page has been completed and is not still under construction? | Yes | No |
| 2. If there is a print equivalent to the Web page, is there a clear indication whether the entire work is available on the Web or only parts of it? | Yes | No |
| 3. If the material is from a work that is out of copyright (as is often the case with a dictionary or thesaurus), has there been an effort to update the material to make it more current? | Yes | No |

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