



## Website Evaluation In-between Assignment

1. Why do you have to evaluate Web Sites?
  - a. Because anyone can create a web site
  - b. Because it's necessary to determine what bias might influence the content of the site
  - c. Because the library does not restrict access to sites based on their academic content
  - d. Because a large percentage of the Web is used for advertising and not scholarly writing
  - e. all of the above
  
2. You need to visit a government site for statistics about teen pregnancy. Which would you choose?
  - a. [www.teenpregnancy.org](http://www.teenpregnancy.org)
  - b. [www.teens.us.com](http://www.teens.us.com)
  - c. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
  - d. [www.babieshavingbabies.com](http://www.babieshavingbabies.com)
  
3. Visit the website <http://www.aclu.org>. Circle below **all** that are true about this site.
  - a. This site is considered an authority
  - b. This site is current and up to date
  - c. This site has lots of advertisements
  
4. Visit the website <http://www.nra.org>. Circle below **all** that are true about this site.
  - a. This site is considered an authority
  - b. This site is current and up to date
  - c. This site is objective in stating facts
  - d. This site has lots of advertisements
  
5. Visit the website <http://www.allaboutjazz.com>. Circle below **all** that are true about this site.
  - a. This site is considered an authority
  - b. This site is current and up to date
  - c. This site is objective in stating facts
  - d. This site has lots of advertisements
  
6. All **.com** websites are not credible sites

- a. True
- b. False

7. <http://www.cofc.edu/~huntc/breedpage.html> is an example of:
- a. a corporate web site
  - b. a personal web site
  - c. a non-profit organization's web site
  - d. a foreign government web site

8. You need information about handgun violence in Canada. Which of the following web sites would probably be most helpful?

*Hint: Check out the country code list at <http://www.iana.org/cctld/cctld-whois.htm>*

- a. <http://www.knessett.gov.il>
- b. <http://world.guns.ru>
- c. <http://www.metropolis.co.jp>
- d. <http://www.guncontrol.ca>

9. Choose one of the following topics and conduct a search using Google:

- pet overpopulation
- crystal meth labs
- obscene music lyrics

From your results list, choose one site for each of the following types, and fill in the chart.

*Hint: You can limit your Google search to particular types of sites by typing site:.edu (or .gov, etc.) at the end of your terms.*

	<b>.gov</b>	<b>.org</b>	<b>.com</b>	<b>.edu</b>
Name of sponsoring organization				
Type of information (legal, ethical, commercial aspects, etc.)				
Date last updated				
Author or statement of responsibility				
Pushing a certain point of view?				
Helpful for writing a paper on the topic?				



## Website Evaluation In-between Assignment Answer Key

1. e. (all of the above)
2. c. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is a government operated site.
3. a. b. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is considered an authority in its field, and the site is kept up to date on current issues.
4. a. b. The National Rifle Association (NRA) is considered an authority for the rights of gun owners and the site is kept up to date. Since the NRA is authority for only one point of view, it does not always remain objective.
5. b. d. This site is current and update. This site also has hidden advertisements.
6. b. Some **.com** websites are very informative but you will have to take the time to read.
7. b. This is a personal web site. Hints like “Professor Hunt’s” give it away. If they mention an individual person or even a group for example “The Dead Heads”, it is most likely personal.
8. d. The country code for Canada is “**ca**”. Scrolling to the bottom of the page of your site or clicking on the About Us link will help you to find the information.
9. Below are some possible answers.

	<b>.gov</b>	<b>.org</b>	<b>.com</b>	<b>.edu</b>
Name of sponsoring organization	First gov	Pet overpopulation Prevention	Adopt-a-Pet	Univ of Calif, Davis
URL of website	<a href="http://www.firstgov.gov/">http://www.firstgov.gov/</a>	<a href="http://www.popptricities.org/">http://www.popptricities.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.adoptapet.com/">http://www.adoptapet.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.ucdavis.edu">http://www.ucdavis.edu</a>
Type of information (legal, ethical, commercial aspects, etc.)	Educational, Informative	Commercial	Informative Commercial	Education
Date last updated	8/22/05	3/2/2005	9/4/2005	3/16/2004
Author or statement of responsibility	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.
Pushing a certain point of view?	No.	Yes.	Yes.	No.
Helpful for writing a paper on the topic?	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.