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**Shady Grove Middle School
Website Evaluation Checklist**

Name of Site: _____

URL: _____

Author of Site: _____

<p>Who Who created the site? Who is responsible for the information?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there an "About Us" page? • Can you contact the author? • Is the author an authority on the topic? • Is the domain a .gov or .edu? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government = .gov - Educational institution = .edu - Non-profit organization = .org - Other creators = .net or .com <p>Sites with .gov and .edu domains are most reliable. Some .org, .net, or .com are reliable, but have to check the rest of the list</p>	<p>*** Mostly ____ Yes ____ No</p>
<p>When Is the information on the site up to date?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a copyright date? • Does it say when it was last updated? 	<p>*** Mostly ____ Yes ____ No</p>
<p>Where Where did the information come from?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a list of references or a bibliography? • Are there links to other resources or additional information unrelated to the website? 	<p>*** Mostly ____ Yes ____ No</p>
<p>Why What is the purpose of the site?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the site free of "Donate Now" or "Become a Member" buttons? • Is the site free of advertisements? • Does the site present factual information without trying to sway the reader's opinion? 	<p>*** Mostly ____ Yes ____ No</p>
<p>What What is in the content of the site?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the site free of spelling mistakes? • Are the graphics and images high quality? • Is there a menu that identifies other pages? • Is it easy to find the information you are looking for? • Does the information make sense? 	<p>*** Mostly ____ Yes ____ No</p>

What is the purpose of this site? Circle all that apply...

To Trick

To Persuade

To Inform

To Explain

To Entertain

To Sell Something

*** If you checked "Mostly No", then the information on the site is probably not credible and shouldn't be used for research.