Evaluating Web Sites

What makes a good Web site? Why?

How can you determine the quality of an information resource on the Web?

Five-Star Evaluation Criteria:

⭐ **Accuracy** Information correct, valid	• How reliable is the information? • Are there obvious errors or omissions? • Is it clear who has responsibility for the accuracy of the content? • Does the document present logical reasoning for assumptions? • Are original sources referenced? • Can you verify references and outside links?
⭐ **Authority** Author/Publisher credentials, review process	• Who is the author of this page? • Are the author's qualifications clearly stated? • Is the author separate from the "webmaster"? • Can the author be contacted for clarification? • What institution published this? Check the domain name. • Does the publisher list qualifications or outline a review process? • Are they reputable?
⭐ **Bias** Purpose of resource, objectivity	• What goals/objectives does this resource meet? • Why was this written? • For whom? • How detailed is the information? • What opinions are expressed? • Is there disclosure of sponsorship? • What is the context in which the information is provided?

⭐ **Currency**
 	
Recent data, links/content maintained
	• Are there dates to indicate:
	    1) when it was written?
	    2) when it was last updated?
	• Is it clear when data was gathered?
	• How up-to-date are the links?
	• Are there other indications that the information is kept current?

⭐ **Coverage** Depth, uniqueness, scope	• What topics are covered? • Are they covered in depth? • Is the resource a work in progress? • How does this work compare to other works, electronic and print? • Is the coverage unique? Is the information relevant and useful?