Website Evaluation Tool

Student’s Name _____________________________________________________________
Website Title _______________________________________________________________
URL ______________________________________________________________________

1. Name of author ___________________________________________________________ (1 point)
2. What makes him/her a credible source (expert on the topic)? If not found on the site, Google
   the author to determine his/her credentials. _________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________ (1 point)
3. From the “About Us” section what did you learn about the organization’s mission and its
   writing staff? __________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________ (1 point)
4. Is the site .com, .net, .edu, or .gov? ___________ (1 point for .edu or .gov)
5. Is there evidence to support claims, i.e. a bibliography or links to articles used as sources?
   Yes = 1 point
6. Does the site maintain consistent control of grammar, usage, punctuation, sentence
   construction, and spelling? Yes = 1 point
7. Are all the links functional? Yes = 1 point
8. Have you accessed and evaluated multiple sources before choosing this one? Name one of
   those sources: __________________________________________________________ Yes =
   1 point
9. Can the information be verified in another source? Name that source:
   ________________________________________________________________ Yes = 1 point
10. What is the publication date (currency)? ____________________ (1 point)
11. Does the author make his/her point of view or purpose clear (to sell something, to entertain,
    to inform)? ___________________________ Inform = 1 point
12. Are the claims free from bias, and factual rather than opinion? Yes = 1 point

10-12 points = Excellent
6-9 points = Good
4-5 points = Borderline Acceptable
Below 4 points = Unacceptable