**Pre-Assessment for Websites**

Please find one website that discusses one of the topics listed below:

(**examples of topics provided by instructor**)

When you’ve found a website, apply the criteria listed below to the site. If it meets the criteria, mark “yes,”’ if not, mark “no.” Tally the number of “yes,” replies to determine if your website is good, questionable, or poor and then answer the questions on the bottom of the page:

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| **Criteria** | **Yes** | **No** |
| Website is relevant to topic |  |  |
| Website content is appropriate for college age audience |  |  |
| The website’s author provided credentials/qualifications/background in subject matter discussed |  |  |
| Website is affiliated with a reputable institution or scholarly publisher |  |  |
| Goals/values of website sponsor are clearly stated |  |  |
| Information on website can be verified in other sources |  |  |
| Website includes bibliography/list of sources cited |  |  |
| Date last updated or copyright provided for information on website |  |  |
| Links to external sites work |  |  |
| Language neutral and objective  |  |  |
| **Total number of points** |  |  |

**Key:**

7-10 points: A Good Website : The following website meets most or all of the criteria. This is probably a good source and is definitely worth considering to support a research assignment.

3-6 points: A Questionable Website: The website meets some of the criteria but falls a little short. It might be a good source, but use caution.

0-2 points: A Poor Website: The website meets few to none of the criteria. It’s probably not a good source.

**Please answer the following questions about your website:**

List the web address (URL) for the site here:

What search engine did you use and what terms did you use to search?

How did your website score?

Would you consider using this website? If so, why? If not, why not?

Optional: Cite the website using MLA or APA format: