

# Website Evaluation Guide

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## PLEASED

Are you pleased with this website?

### P-- Purpose

What is the author's purpose?

### L-- Links

Are the links active? Do they work? Are the sites that they link to reliable?

### E-- Editorial

Is the information at this site accurate, comprehensive, and current? Objective? What audience was the site designed for? Professionals students, children, consumers?

### A-- Author

Who is the author of the site and are they reliable? Are their credentials identified and appropriate?

### S-- Site

Is this site attractive and the information clearly presented? Is it easy to navigate? Do the graphics load quickly? Can you search through the site efficiently?

### E-- Ethical

Is it easy to tell if the site is commercial? Is author and developer information in plain site or do you have to sift through the site to find it? Is it professional? Is the aim of the site easily apparent?

### D-- Date

Is the site current? When was it last updated?

## Books to Help Evaluate Websites

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## Charts & Checklists

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