I. Identify your site:

Identify the domain extension:
(.com or .net - commercial; .org - non-commercial; .gov - U.S. government; .mil - U.S. military, .edu - educational, other ______________________________)

What does it tell you about the site?

II. Critique the site:

A. Authority
   1. Does the page identify the author? If so, who is it?

   2. What are the author’s qualifications?

B. Currency
   1. Is the page dated? If so, when was the last update?

   2. How current are the links? Have some expired or moved?

C. Relevance
   1. How is the source relevant to your research questions?
2. Is the information organized and in-depth?


D. Accuracy
1. Does the author include a reference list or bibliography of works cited?

2. Can the data be cross-checked against primary sources; e.g., statistics, interview, primary research data?

3. How can the author be contacted with questions?

E. Objectivity
1. What is the purpose of the site: (Hint: look at the domain extension)

2. Is there any obvious bias? Is the page designed to sway opinion? What is the agenda or motivation for presenting the information?

3. Is there any advertising on the page? If yes, describe: