## WEBSITE – Evaluation Worksheet

Select a website from an Internet Search. Using the Evaluation Criteria below, determine if you would use the website as an academic source.

**Record Link:** http://_______________________________________________

- **Currency**
  - a. When was the information published or posted? _____________________________
  - b. If no date, are there clues to determine when the information was published? ____________________________________________

- **Author – Google the author**
  What can you determine about the author of the information on the site? *(Name? Degrees? Contact info? What else have they written?)*.
  ____________________________________________

- **Publisher/Publication – Google the publisher/publication/organization**
  - a. Does an organization sponsor the page *(i.e. National Institute of Health)*?  YES  NO
  - b. If YES, who? *(Tip: Read About Us page)*. ____________________________________________
  - c. What kinds of information does the organization or publisher typically publish? ____________________________________________

- **Point of View**
  Does the point of view appear objective/impartial? Or is the site trying to persuade you? Is the language objective or subjective?
  Circle one:  OBJECTIVE/IMPARTIAL  SUBJECTIVE/TRYING TO PERSUADE ME

- **Sources**
  - a. Are sources cited, either in a reference list or within the text?  YES  NO
  - b. If YES, what types of sources are being cited?
    Circle all that apply:  JOURNALS  WEBSITES  NEWSPAPERS  BLOGS  BOOKS  EXPERT INTERVIEWS  RESEARCH STUDIES  OTHER____________________

## YOUR JUDGEMENT

- a. Would you use this website as a source in your paper?  YES  NO
- b. What DOES or DOES NOT give you confidence in this website’s credibility?