**Web Site Validity Check List**

Report Topic:

Site URL:

Name/Title of site:

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|  | **V N** | **Criteria** |
|  |  | Who owns the domain? (“Who is <*URL*>” use search engine – reliable or dubious) |
|  |  | Is the site a paid ad or infomercial? (big negative) |
|  |  | Is the name of the author listed? (biggie for valid research) |
|  |  | Who wrote the pages? (right click, view source, – check “META” tag names) |
|  |  | Is the author an expert? (“Who is <*author*>” search engine – reliable or dubious) |
|  |  | What is the purpose of the site? (stated by the author) |
|  |  | Does the overall site reflect a bias? (judgment call) |
|  |  | When was the site created? (judge for most recent facts needed) |
|  |  | When was the site last updated? (judge for most recent facts needed) |
|  |  | From where does the information come? (Check – believable/valid resources?) |
|  |  | Is the information useful for my assignment? (your opinion) |
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**Total V, N**

**Conclusion: V**=Valid … **N**=Not Valid

Add site to Bibliography:

**YES (do the valid marks outweigh the not valid marks?)**

**NO**

**Validated Web Site Notes**

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