

7th Grade Library Assignment #1

Choosing Quality Websites

Name: _____ Library Project Due Date: _____

Directions:

- Choose a topic to research. The topic must be within Catholic moral guidelines. Please do not choose movie stars, singers, etc. as a topic. Appropriate topics would include a historical event, a science topic, etc.
- You will need to find **two quality websites** that you would use if you were going to research this topic in depth.
- For **each** website, you will need to provide the following information:

Your topic: _____

Author: _____ 20 points

- Who wrote the Web page?
- Is the person an authority on the topic?
- What credentials does the author/site have?

Purpose: _____ 20 points

- What is the goal of the site? Is the information accurate?
- Does it fit the goal of your project?
- Why did the author publish this site?

Audience: _____ 20 points

- Does the site clearly identify the audience?
- Are you part of the intended audience?
- Does the audience for the site match you as researcher?

Publication: _____ 20 points

- When was the site published or last updated?
- Is the information current?
- Are the links up-to-date?

Overall: _____ 20 points

- Based on your answers to the previous questions, would you recommend this site to others?
- Why or why not?

Total _____

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EXAMPLE

Topic: Gettysburg

Website #1: www.gettysburgfoundation.org

Author: The webpage was written by the Gettysburg Foundation staff.

Purpose: The purpose of this site is to preserve, honor, and protect the natural and cultural resources associated with the Gettysburg National Park and the Gettysburg Campaign, as well as to provide information for visitors.

Audience: The site clearly identifies the audience. As a researcher, I am part of the intended audience.

Publication: The copyright of the site is 2013. The information is current. Links provide access to upcoming events.

Overall: I would recommend this site to others because it provides information about Gettysburg and the latest happenings at the battlefield site.

Website #2 www.gettysburg.com

Author: The webpage content is provided by the Visitor's Information Center in Gettysburg, PA.

Purpose: The purpose of this site is to give viewers an overview of Gettysburg, including information about the Battle Center, the Living History Center, the Community Information Center, the weather, and current events.

Audience: The audience is tourists and those who want to learn more about the area of Gettysburg.

Publication: The copyright of the site is 2013. The information is current. The calendar is updated.

Overall: I would recommend this site because it has links to other sites that provide information about Gettysburg.