**RADAR Worksheet Questionnaire**

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources.

Give each section a score out of 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores

45–50 Excellent / 40–44 Good / 35-39 Borderline / 30-34 Not acceptable / Below 30 – DO NOT USE

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|  | **What to look for on the website** | **Questions to consider** | **Score** |
| **Relevance:** the importance of the information to your needs | * Links to other reliable websites
* Information that supports your research
 | * Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
* Who is the intended audience?
* Is the information at an appropriate reading and technical level for your assignment?
* Does the site provide additional links that are also useful?
* Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one?
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| **Authority:** the source of the information | * About Us page
* Article “written by” statement
* “Cite this article” information
* The author’s identity, educational background and professional credentials
* Look at the ending of the URL to determine what type of domain the website is
 | * Who is the author / publisher / source / sponsor?
* Are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations given?
* What are the author’s qualifications to write on the topic?
* Does the author cite sources or include a bibliography?
* Do you know who sponsored the page? Are they trustworthy?
* Is there contact information, such as publisher or email address?
* Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source (non-profit, personal blog, company page, educational institution, media outlet, government site or document?)
* What is the website’s primary purpose?
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| **Date:** the timeliness of the information | * Look for the date the article was written
* Look at copyright date or date last updated on website
 | * Was the information recently published?
* Has it been updated or revised?
* Do the links on the website work?
* Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?
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| **Accuracy / Appearance:** the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content | * A bibliography or list of references
* A reliable author
* Spelling mistakes or grammatical errors
 | * Is the information accurate?
* Does it look professional?
* Does it provide references to the information provided?
* Can you verify the information or does it contradict other sources?
* Does it include an explanation of its research methods?
* Are there spelling mistakes?
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| **Reason:** the reason the information exists | * How much advertising is on the website
* Does it look up-to date
 | * What is the purpose of the information?
* Do the authors / sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
* Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda?
* Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?
* Does the website look like it is primarily for advertising or educating?
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Complete the following page to evaluate multiple websites

**RADAR Worksheet**

Refer to the RADAR Worksheet 1 for the detailed questionnaire to assist you in completing this table

Give each section a score out of 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give the website a total score.

Compare multiple websites on this form

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| **Website title** | **Website address** | **Date viewed** | **Relevance** | **Authority** | **Date** | **Accuracy / Appearance** | **Reason** | **Total Score** |
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