**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? |  |
| **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? |  |
| **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 * Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic? |  |
| **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? |  |
| **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? |  |

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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