

Evaluate Your Website

Website Address: _____

Who created this website?

Person? _____
and/or...
Organization? _____

How do you know this person or organization is an expert on the subject?

Choose one...

- ☐ Affiliated with a university/college/museum
- ☐ Reputable news organization
- ☐ Linked from a reliable website

Reliable website: _____

- ☐ Other (*list the reason*)...

What information does the website provide?

- ☐ Does the information appear to be accurate
- ☐ Are there sources or support for the information?
- ☐ Is the information free of bias?
- ☐ Is the website well-organized and easy to read?

When was the information published?

- ☐ Is the information up-to-date?
- ☐ Does the information on your topic need to be current?

If you have any of these **red flags** . . .

- ☐ Author is a self-proclaimed expert on your topic
- ☐ Organization has nothing to do with your topic
- ☐ Cannot find the author or information about the website

. . . then dig a little deeper:

If you can't find the **Home** page, try deleting part of the URL

<http://www.blupete.com/Literature/Biographies/Science/Darwin.htm>

and/or...

Conduct a link search to see if other reputable sources link to this website

From Google, type in **link:www** to the website address (no spaces)

Example: **link:www.aboutdarwin.com/**

Despite the red flag, what did you find that tells you this website is reliable?