

Should I Use This?

An Online Resource Evaluation Checklist

Instructions - Complete a copy of this checklist for each online resource you use in your paper.

Title:

Complete Website Address:

Date Retrieved:

Author(s):

Website owner:

[If not evident, go to <http://www.internic.net/whois.html>]

Volume, Issue, Page Numbers:

Reliability

Quality

Usefulness

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information is included | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids broad generalizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Relates to your goals |
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