Site address (also known as URL or Uniform Resource Locator):
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(An address that ends in .com is a commercial site and has usually been created to support a business or commercial organization.)

Who is this site designed for?
☐ Students    ☐ Teachers    ☐ Consumers
☐ Researchers ☐ General Public ☐ Special Interest Group

Themes or keywords you used to find this site:
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Did you get pop-up advertisements on this site?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Do the pop-up ads contain material your teacher/parent/guardian would object to your seeing?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Visit the HOME page or the ABOUT US page for details about the site. Is the site sponsored by:

A group Name:____________________________________________________

A company Name:________________________________________________

A government department Name:____________________________________

Another organization Name:________________________________________

An individual Name:_______________________________________________

A school or educational educational group Name:_____________________

Tip: Be cautious with websites that do not contain information about their purpose or goal. Keep in mind that any person or group who wishes to convey a particular message can create a website. Also, remember that websites may be misleading and may contain errors. If the website is a student project, remember that it too may contain errors.
Purpose, goal, or mission of this website as stated on their home page:

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If the goal or purpose is not stated, for what purpose do you think this site exists?

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Scroll to the bottom of the page. Is there a date or “last updated”? Record the date.

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Does the information on this site confirm information from another reliable print or electronic source? □ Yes □ No

Does this site list sources it has consulted? □ Yes □ No

Does this site seem to contain mostly facts or mostly opinions? □ Facts □ Opinions (Hint: Ask yourself: Is this provable? Is there evidence to support it?)

Is it easy to find things on this site (navigate)? □ Yes □ No

Does the site provide links to other information sources? Were these links up to date?

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Did this site try to sell you anything? Give details.

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Did this site include pop-up messages designed to convince you of a certain point of view? Describe.

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Did this site contain any statements that express bias, prejudice, or hatred toward certain groups or individuals? (Note: If yes, give details below and provide the website to your teacher or parent/guardian so that it can be reported.) □ Yes □ No

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What date did you visit this site?_____________________________________

Would you recommend this site to another student? Why or why not?

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For further information, consult:
Media Awareness Network, The Five W’s of Cyberspace:
<www.media-awareness.ca/english/resources/educational/handouts/internet/5ws_cyberspace.cfm>