**Resource Evaluation Checklist**

1. **What is the title and URL of the resource?**

2. **Type of Site**
   - government
   - organization
   - commercial
   - educational

3. **Type of resource**
   - Is it a personal home page?
   - Is it a government report?
   - Is it a newsgroup posting?
   - Is it clearly opinion or fact?
   - Is it an advertisement?

4. **Graphics**
   - Does the resource include features that you need such as illustrations, glossaries, or maps?
   - Are the graphics readable, appropriate, or useful?

5. **Authority**
   - Who is the information source (organization or author)?
   - Is the site part of a larger web site (i.e. a university or organizational page)?
   - Can you tell if the author, organization or group has the knowledge/expertise to present information on this topic?

6. **Bias, Objectivity**
   - How credible is the information?
   - Does the information seem reliable?
   - Is there any indication where the information came from?
   - Does it appear that the organization or author could have a biased point of view? If so, is the bias clearly stated?

7. **Currency**
   - How current is the information?
   - What is the date of the information or when was the site last updated?
   - Is the information too old or too new for your research needs?
   - Are there "dead" hyperlinks?

8. **Consensus**
   - How does the site information compare with other sites, print sources, etc.?
   - Does the information agree or disagree with an accepted point of view?