

# CARRDSS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Credibility

**Author or Editor has appropriate:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Education (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Training (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Experience (1)

**Publisher of website has appropriate mission / purpose?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ No (0)

**How many quality sites link to this site:**  
*(Please choose only one.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ (1-5 sites) (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6 or more sites) (2)

## Accuracy

**Is the page/site free of spelling and/or grammar errors?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ No (0)

**The information makes sense and the facts don't conflict with other sources?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ No (0)

**If there are conflicting facts, please give at least one example:**

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## Reliability

**What is the domain extension of the site?**  
*(Please choose only one.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ .edu (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ .org (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ .gov / .mil (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ .com (1/2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ other (1/2)

**What is the main purpose of the site or page?**  
*(Please choose only one.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Inform (1)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sell (0)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Persuade (1/2)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hoax/Parody /Entertainment(0)

**Amount of Bias vs. Balanced Perspective (Circle the correct indicator)**

Balanced (2)                      Some (1)                      Biased (0)

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Neutral language                      Strong Language  
Multiple points of view                      One point of view  
Documentation                      No documentation

**Relevance**

**Does this site give you new information that helps you answer your research question?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No (0)

**If Yes, how much new information does the page have? (Please choose only one.)** \_\_\_\_\_ 1-2 pieces of information (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ More than 2 pieces of information (2)

**Date**

**When was the page created or last updated? (1) \_\_\_\_\_ No date information is given. \_\_\_\_\_ (0)**

**Is this an acceptable date for your topic?** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No (0)

**Sources**

**Does the author give his or her sources of information and/or links (or lists) for doing further research?**

**Check all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Bibliography (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sources mentioned within the text (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested reading (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Hyperlinks that work (1)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ All sources / hyperlinks are relevant for the topic (1)

**Scope**

**Type of Material:**  
 (1/2) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2)  
 Popular \_\_\_\_\_ Academic

**Coverage (Focus/Depth):**  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (0)  
 Narrow / Deep \_\_\_\_\_ Broad / Shallow

**Intended Audience:**  
 (0) (1) (2) (1) (0)  
 Elementary Middle High College Graduate  
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**CARRDSS Points**

- Credibility* \_\_\_\_\_
- Accuracy* \_\_\_\_\_
- Reliability* \_\_\_\_\_
- Relevance* \_\_\_\_\_
- Date* \_\_\_\_\_
- Sources* \_\_\_\_\_
- Scope* \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Points* \_\_\_\_\_

**28-21=A 20-14=B 13-7=C 6-0= D/F**