Worksheet for Evaluating Web sites
Rate sites on the following criteria. Give each site a score out of 100 (with bonus pts):

Your name: _____ Partner name: _____

Topic: _____ Site rated (or TinyURL): _____ Score: _____

Criteria questions:	Give 6 points	Give 4 points	Give 0 points
1. **Is the information accurate?**	Yes, I've read it and it seems accurate to me.	Probably but not sure	maybe not
2. **Is the information relevant?**	Yes, the answer to my research question is here	It's relevant to the topic but does not answer my question	No, this site does not answer my research question.
3. **Is the information balanced?**	balances points with contrary views	presents facts with little analysis or criticism	Biased, meaning to sell or persuade, *or presented as a joke*
4. **What about the author?**	trusted authority	Seems ok but can't really tell	private individual, could be anyone
5. **Can you contact the author or institution?**	name and contact given with link to home page	Name or institution given, but no contact	no contact info, no link to home page
6. **Who publishes the site?**	Trusted institution, links back to home page	some kind of institution, looks real but not sure	a private individual
7. **Domain name?**	edu	org or net or gov	Com or co Or can't tell
8. **Is a date given?**	Yes, and up-to date	Yes but out-of-date	doesn't say
9. **Readability?**	easy to read	hard to read	Impossible for ESL students to read
10. **Presentation**	clear expression, no mistakes	one or two typos	grammatical errors and misspellings
11. **Are the graphics helpful?**	helpful illustrations, fast loading	illustrations distract or hard to download	no graphics
12. **Is the information referenced?**	many references and links	few references and links	no references
13. **Navigation?**	easy to browse and find information	Info is there, but not easy to find	no navigation aids
14. **Ads and pop-ups?**	No commercials, ads or pop-ups	Some, but not distracting	too many, too commercial
15. **A free site?**	All free	Some free stuff, some you pay for	Pay, subscribe, or only get a free trial

Bonus points? (up to 5) State reason: _____