

# 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

Contact information is included

Publication data provided

Satisfactory author credentials

Publication has a respectable reputation

Sponsoring organization of the author and/or publication are identified

Blind peer-review process

Information is consistent with that found in at least two other resources

From an online database of journals and publications

Contacted author for additional information

Avoids broad generalizations

Up-to-date resources and references

Consistency of facts

Appropriate grammar and spelling

Avoids bias or one-sided perspectives

Comprehensive review of the topic

Citations and references are accurate and complete

This resource is the original source of information

Support or corroboration of facts is provided in links or documentation

Relates to your goals

Relates to your writing or research outline

Appropriate or similar audience

Appropriate level of detail for your goals

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