

Informational Websites

www.nih.gov
www.ic.edu.lb

<http://www.lp.gov.lb/english.html>
<http://people.aub.edu.lb/~webcames/>

The purpose of all of these pages is to: _____.
Sites contain letters: ____ or ____ which stands for: _____/_____.
Of these four websites, which do you like most? _____.
Use this site to answer the following questions.

1. Authority of the site

- 1.1 Who is responsible for the site? _____.
- 1.2 Is there a link describing the purpose of the organization (mission statement)? _____.
- 1.3 Can you verify that the sponsoring organization really exists somewhere? _____.
- 1.4 Is there a copyright statement for the content of this site? _____.
- 1.5 Is this site indexed under a Yahoo category? _____.

2. Accuracy of their information

- 2.1 Is the site free of grammatical errors? _____.
- 2.2 Is the site free of spelling mistakes or typos? _____.
- 2.3 If information is used from another source, is the source cited? _____.

3. Objectivity

- 3.1 Is the writing clear and free of bias? _____.
- 3.2 Is the site free of advertising? _____.

4. Up-to-date Information

- 4.1 When was the page written? _____.
- 4.2 When was the page first placed on the Internet? _____.
- 4.3 When was the page last updated? _____.
- 4.4 Can you find other clues that the material is kept up-to-date? _____.

5. Content

- 5.1 Is the page completed or still under construction? _____.
- 5.2 Is information on the pages available in other formats? _____.
- 5.3 Are all sections of the site covered with the same amount of detail? _____.
- 5.4 Is there interactive content? (An email, an order form?) _____.
- 5.5 Is there any offensive content (racial, religious or gender bias)? _____.
- 5.6 If the site is really big, is it searchable? _____.
- 5.7 Is the text well written? _____.

6. Design

- 6.1 Do all pages follow a consistent design? _____.
- 6.2 Does the organization's logo appear on the first page? _____.
- 6.3 Is the layout clear and simple (that is, professional-looking)? _____.
- 6.4 Is it easy to move around (index on left, site plan)? _____.
- 6.5 Are there distracting applets, music or graphics? _____.
- 6.6 Is the page interesting to look at? _____.

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