


QUICK – The Quality Information Checklist


Name _____


Date _____ Period _____


Title of web page: _____


URL: _____


 <u>Checkpoint 1 - Is it clear who has written the information?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Does the author give his/her real name?			
Does the author give some information about him/herself?			
Does the author appear to have experience in this area?			
Does it tell the author's occupation?			
Does it give the author's educational background?			
Is there a reputable organization associated with this site?			
Is there contact information?			


 <u>Checkpoint 2 - Are the aims of the site clear?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Is the purpose of the site clear?			
Is it clear who the intended audience is supposed to be?			
Does the title of the page tell you what the site is about?			
Is there a paragraph on the page explaining what the site is about?			


 <u>Checkpoint 3 - Does the site achieve its aims?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Does the web site do what it says it's going to do?			
Are there advertisements on the site?			

 <u>Checkpoint 4 - Is the site relevant to me?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Does the site provide information that would be useful to you?			
Is there a menu with subheadings that gives additional information?			
Are there photographs or other images on the page?			
Can you be sure that the photographs have not been altered?			

 <u>Checkpoint 5 - Can the information be checked?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Do the facts appear to be correct?			
Does the author provide data or external sources to support his opinions or conclusions?			
Does external evidence support the author's claims?			
Can the information be verified from other sources?			
Does some information contradict information you found elsewhere?			

 <u>Checkpoint 6 - When was the site produced?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Is there a date on the page that tells you when the site was last updated?			
Can you tell if the information has been updated?			
Does the date the document was published (or updated) affect the reliability of the information?			

 <u>Checkpoint 7 - Is the information biased in any way?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Does the site have a reason for wanting you to think in a particular way?			
Does the argument appeal more to emotions rather than reason?			
Does the information rely mostly on opinions rather than facts?			
Does the author use extreme or exaggerated language?			
Does the author present a balanced view of the topic?			

 <u>Checkpoint 8 - Does the site tell you about choices open to you?</u>	YES	NO	CAN'T TELL
Does the site give you advice?			
Does it present alternative ideas?			
Does the page lead you to some other good information (links)?			
Do the links work?			
Do the links come from reliable sites?			
Do the links add any new information or perspectives on the topic?			

Using the data you have collected above, write a paragraph explaining why you would or wouldn't recommend this site to a friend to use with a project.
