

Library 101: Your Guide to Library Resources at UTSA

Activity 4b: Evaluate Sources - Websites

Name: _____

Date: _____

Use this worksheet to evaluate these 3 websites on the sample topic "internet addiction", or use it to evaluate websites on your topic. Answer each of the **BOLDED** questions below (using the questions in parentheses to guide you.) Then, circle your comfort level with the answers you find. The website with the most comfort level points just might be the winner!

Websites on Internet addiction:

A: <http://www.netaddiction.com/articles/symptoms.htm>

B: <http://www.chem.vt.edu/chem-dept/dessy/honors/papers/ferris.html>

C: <http://www.pitt.edu/utimes/issues/30/091197/17.html>

1. Who is the author? (What credentials does the author/sponsor have? If an individual author is not named, is there a link to a home page to see who sponsors the page?)

A _____

very comfortable – 4 pts | somewhat comfortable – 3 pts | somewhat uncomfortable – 2 pts | very uncomfortable – 1 pt

B _____

very comfortable – 4 pts | somewhat comfortable – 3 pts | somewhat uncomfortable – 2 pts | very uncomfortable – 1 pt

C _____

very comfortable – 4 pts | somewhat comfortable – 3 pts | somewhat uncomfortable – 2 pts | very uncomfortable – 1 pt

2. What date was the information posted and/or updated? (Is your topic time-sensitive so that you can only use the most up-to-date information, or is your topic more historically oriented?)

A _____

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B _____

very comfortable – 4 pts | somewhat comfortable – 3 pts | somewhat uncomfortable – 2 pts | very uncomfortable – 1 pt

C _____

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3. Are there any special features such as a works cited to back up the information? (Are there links to other pages? If yes, what kind of pages are they? Do these pages supplement the information given?)

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