Evaluating a Web Site or Page

Evaluate the web sites or pages you intend to use for an assignment with the help of the following questions.

1. **Who is the personal or corporate author of the web site?**
  -None listed
  -The author is _____.

2. **What part of the url (web address) gave you clues about authorship?**
-(.com) a company
-(.org) a nonprofit organization
-(.edu) an academic institution
-(.uk) a country-sponsored site
(.gov) a U.S. gov't. agency
-(~/msmith) a personal web page
-(.mil) a U.S. military site
-(.net) a network of computers
-other   Describe_____.

3. **What are the qualifications of the author or group that created the site? (e.g. educational credentials, experience, etc.)**
-I can't find this information.
-The author's qualifications are _____.

4. **What is the primary purpose or type of this web page or site?**   *Check all that apply*.
-a company or organization web site
-a forum for educational/public service information
-a personal web site
-a forum for scholarly/research information
-for entertainment
-an advertisement or electronic commerce
-a forum for ideas or opinions
-other   Explain _____.

5. **A. Does the web site promote one point of view?**
-No, the site primarily consists of balanced, objective, or factual information
-Yes, the site primarily consists of biased, subjective or opinionated statements
    B. Are the arguments well-supported?
-Yes
-No

C. Is there both objective and subjective information?
-Yes
-No
-Other Explain _____

6. **Does the web site provide any contact information for the author or**
   webmaster?
-No
-Yes   Contact information _____

7. **When was the web site last modified or updated?**
-No date found
-It was last updated _____ (date)

8. **Is timeliness important to the type of information available on this web site?**
-Yes
-No

9. **Is the site well-maintained or edited well?**
-Yes
-No
   ►Are links broken?
   -Yes
    -No

10. **How does the site appear overall?**
-well-designed and well-organized
-poorly designed and poorly organized
-easy to read and navigate
-difficult to read and navigate
-a search feature/site map is available
-search feature/site map unavailable
-HELP screen is available
-HELP screen is unavailable

Should you use this information for your research paper, presentation or project?