# Evaluating Web Pages to Determine Reliability

**Gold (Reliable)**

1. Date the page was last modified was within the past year.
2. Web page has a bibliography of sources.
3. Able to contact the author.*
4. Author* is identified and there is information about the author.*
5. Author* with subject specific training is writing in that subject.
6. Author* has no visible financial connections to the topic.
7. Web site clearly states its vision or mission.
8. Web site purpose is to inform you.
9. I have verified the information found on this page in two independent sources.

**Silver (May be reliable)**

1. Date the page was last modified was over 10 years ago.
2. Web page has links to other off site pages.
3. Able to contact the web page creator.
4. Author* is identified.
5. Author* with subject specific training is writing in a related subject.
6. Author* may expect a financial gain from the topic.
7. Web site purpose is to persuade you or to promote a particular cause.
8. Web site purpose is to inform you.
9. I have verified some of the information found on this page in another source.

**Bronze (Questionable)**

1. No date given when the page was last updated.
2. Web page does not tell you where they got their information.
3. No contact information provided.
4. No author* listed.
5. Author* with subject specific training or unknown training is writing in a non-related subject.
6. Author* can expect financial gain from the topic.
7. Web site does not state its vision or mission.
8. Web site purpose is to sell you something.
9. I have not verified any of the information.

* Author can be a person or an organization