

Website Evaluation - Example

Example review:

Website 1: www.notbrilliantbutnotbad.com

Currency:

Web pages had been updated just last month and the information provided appears to be quite recent. I checked against current legislation and lecture notes. The legislation date is recent and this same legislation was located on a government website that was also dated last month. The expiry of some information is in 2 years.

Reliability:

Information found on the page was written by Professor McWattshisname at the College of Outer Mongolia. She provided statements from other websites telling the reader when she last accessed the websites and who they had been written by. I searched the Professor and located her credentials on the official College website and the Institute of Outer Mongolia studies. The list of qualifications and credentials for the Professor are outstanding. She has received awards for her incredibly high standing academic reports.

Level of difficulty:

I got lost after the second link. Too many adverts distracted me and I couldn't read some of the text due to the colours used. The website was quite difficult to navigate.

Bias:

The writer was born and bred in the city to which she spoke. She appears to be funded by the local tourist company and was over the top with her praise. Would have preferred to have a list of pros / cons to enable me to make my mind up rather than her tell me it was all brilliant for the wrong reasons. Quite biased due to the funding aspect.

Relevance:

Only one paragraph was relevant to my search. The rest of the website spoke about her enjoyment of reading the phone book from cover to cover. So, not quite relevant except the small amount of good information at the start of the page. Not entirely relevant and only a small quantity of data obtained from this website.

Appropriateness of format:

The first landing page was standard HTML but most of the documents provided asked me to download some strange program unknown to the human race. Also, too many videos and not enough text to read. It took ages watching the videos to achieve small amount of data. Although the videos had been fun, partially informative, they did take a long time to load as well as advertisements.

Other:

Small amount of relevant information obtained but on the whole not a brilliant website, with too much bias. Also, I think I am now receiving loads of spam from registering with this website. Would not really use in the future, except the first part of the page, or if I need information about her local phone book!