Resource Checklist

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* Classroom Resources (print, video):
* What is the date of publication (timeliness)? It must be current.
* Is the information reliable and accurate?
* Who is the author and their credentials? Who are they affiliated with?
* Does it meet your curriculum expectations?
* Who is the intended audience?
* Is it age appropriate?
* Is the information written as informational, persuasive, or entertaining?
* How is the information displayed? Is it organized, easy-to-follow, visuals, etc?
* Does it present the information fairly or is it biased?
* What is the cost?
  + Is it too cost prohibitive or unsustainable?
* Does this resource respect and uphold copyright laws?
* Classroom Resources (internet sources):
* Is the website and its information current?
  + Is there a date stating when the document was originally created?
* Is the website still active?
* Is it clear when the site or page was last updated, revised or edited?
* When was the website last updated?
  + Are there any indications that the material is updated frequently or consistently to ensure currency of the content?
* If there are links to other Web pages are they current? Are they still active?
* Who is the author and their credentials? Who are they affiliated with?
  + Is there an author of the work? If so, is the author clearly identified?
  + Are the author's credentials for writing on this topic stated?
  + Is the author affiliated with an organization?
  + Does the site or page represent a group, organization, institution, corporation or government body?
  + Is there a link back to the organization's page or a way to contact the organization or the author to verify the credibility of the site (address, phone number, email address)?
  + Is it clear who is responsible for the creation and/or maintenance of the site or page
* Does it meet your curriculum expectations?
  + What is the primary purpose of the page? To sell a product? To make a political point? To have fun? To parody a person, organization or idea? For examples of web site parodies
* Who is the intended audience?
  + What is the primary purpose of the page? To sell a product? To make a political point? To have fun? To parody a person, organization or idea? For examples of web site parodies
* Is it age appropriate?
* What is the domain? (government, education)
* Are there any advertisements? Are they appropriate?
  + Is the page free of advertising? If the page does contain advertising, are the ads clearly separated from the content?
* Is the website easy to navigate through? Junior level appropriate?
  + Is the page or site a comprehensive resource or does it focus on a narrow range of information?
  + What is the emphasis of the presentation? Technical, scholarly, clinical, popular, elementary, **etc**
* Does this resource respect and uphold copyright laws?