What's Behind the Door?
Worksheet for Evaluating Web Sites

Authority

1. Who is the author and what is his/her authority (credentials or expertise in the subject)?
   - Door One -
   - Door Two –

Sponsor

1. Does the sponsor reveal its purpose through a link to the organization's goal? State the sponsor and the sponsor's goals. (Remember the sponsor is the organization behind the Web site.)
   - Door One -
   - Door Two -
   - Door Three –

2. Did advertisements pop up at any of the visited sites?   Yes   No

3. Which was the least biased site and why?

Currency

1. What is the date of the last update? What is the date of the information? Look at the graphs; is currency a factor in their reliability?
   - Door One -
   - Door Two -
   - Door Three -

Content

Determine the following sites' usefulness, clarity, and accuracy. What type of information is presented, factual or opinion? Rate on the following scale. 10 - 9 very useful   8 - 7 useful   6 - 5 somewhat useful   Below 5 don't trust
   - Door One -
   - Door Two -
   - Door Three -

The Design

1. What is the quality of the grammar and spelling?

2. Does the Web page look shoddy? What is the quality of the graphics? Do the graphics enhance or distract?

3. Is there a search engine within the site? Is it easy to navigate the site?

4. Is this a fee-based site? Must you register a name and password before using the site?

   - Door One
       1. Grammar/Spelling
       2. Graphics
       3. Search Engine/ Navigation Ease
       4. Fees/registration/passwords?

   - Door Two
       1. Grammar/Spelling
       2. Graphics
       3. Search Engine/ Navigation Ease
       4. Fees/registration/passwords?

   - Door Three
       1. Grammar/Spelling
       2. Graphics
       3. Search Engine/ Navigation Ease
       4. Fees/registration/passwords?

   - Door Four
       1. Grammar/Spelling
       2. Graphics
       3. Search Engine/ Navigation Ease
       4. Fees/registration/passwords?