

WebSite Investigator (2.0)

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NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____ DATE: _____

WEB SITE ADDRESS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

As a *WebSite Investigator*, you can check out Web sites for *clues* that tell you whether a Web site is a good one, an O.K. one, or a poor one. Good Web sites are interesting and useful. They stay up-to-date and add new things often. A good Web site has information you can trust. You can look for clues about who wrote the information on the Web site. A good Web site also works the way it should without broken links or games that don't even load. It should also be fun to explore and easy to find your way around. *Awesome WebSites* are the ones that are good in all these things. Are you ready to snoop around for clues about the Web site you are going to rate? If you are, read the example and then get to work. By the way, there are no right or wrong answers. That's because it is really up to what you think as a *WebSite Investigator*.



EXAMPLE

Did this Web site contain things that you are interested in?



0



1



2



3

If you circle the sad face ☹️, it means that this Web site is really poor in this category. In other words, there is nothing in this Web site that is of interest to you. You give it the lowest score, which is 0 points. If you circle the face with no expression 😐 (just a straight line for the mouth), it means that this Web site is O.K. but there's nothing special that interests you. If you circle the face with a small smile 😊, it means that this Web site is not the best but it is good. If you circle the face with a big smile 😄, it means that this Web site is excellent – definitely one of the best Web sites you have seen when it comes to things that interest you. You give it 3 points, the highest score.

Investigator's Name: _____ Web Site Address: _____

Web Site Investigator



1. Was this an interesting or fun Web site to explore?



0



1



2



3

2. Could you read and understand most of the words that were used?



0



1



2



3

3. Was the information on this Web site believable? (Did it seem to be true?)



0



1



2



3

4. Was it easy to find your way around without getting lost?



0



1



2



3

5. Did the pictures, sounds, or videos make this Web site more interesting?



0



1



2



3

6. Was it easy to find what you needed at this Web site?



0



1



2



3

7. Did this Web site have links to other interesting or useful Web sites?



0



1



2



3

8. Did all the parts of this Web site work the way they should?



0



1



2



3

9. Were there lots of activities to do on this Web site?



10. Were the directions for using this Web site simple and clear?



11. Do you think this Web site sometimes adds new things to read about and do?



12. Did things like pictures, games, and videos *quickly* come up on screen?



Would you like to visit this Web site again sometime? (✓) YES NO

Do you think other kids your age would like this Web site? YES NO

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Scoring WebSite Investigator

Directions: Add up the scores for each question. Then, use the scoring key below to see how you rated this Web site.

Score

Rating

33 or more points

Awesome!

28 – 32

Good

23 – 26

Average

22 and under

Needs improvement!