Questioning the Reliability of Internet Sites

Name: _____

Website: _____

Questions to ask	Things to think about
1. WHO?	❑ Author is clearly identified ❑ Author is an expert in this area ❑ Contact information is listed ❑ A reliable organization is connected to this web site
2. WHAT?	❑ Purpose of the web site is clear ❑ Site explains the topic thoroughly ❑ Information is easily read and understood
3. WHY?	❑ Site presents a balanced point of view, rather than pushing a particular perspective ❑ The point of view is fair ❑ Site does not contain advertising
4. WHEN?	❑ Date of creation/update is available ❑ The information is current ❑ All links work
5. HOW?	❑ Facts stated can be checked and confirmed using other sources ❑ Site is free of errors ❑ Site is easy to navigate

If you can check off most points under each category, it is probably a valid site to use.
Do you think this is a valid site? Why or why not? _____
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