

# Should I Use This?

## An Online Resource Evaluation Checklist

*Instructions - Complete a copy of this checklist for each online resource you use in your paper.*

Title:

Complete Website Address:

Date Retrieved:

Author(s):

Website owner:

[If not evident, go to <http://www.internic.net/whois.html>]

Volume, Issue, Page Numbers:

### Reliability

### Quality

### Usefulness

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