Evaluating Sources Group Activity

Today you will be leaning how to properly evaluate an Internet source. Just because a site is on the internet does not mean it is a good resource to use for research. Be sure to follow the steps below in your groups to design and complete a visual that explains the criteria for evaluating a website.

1. Research and take notes on what you should look for when evaluating a website
2. Start with the website below because it divides up information into four categories (authority, accuracy, scope, and primary sources) found as tabs at the top of the page

<http://help.library.ubc.ca/evaluating-and-citing-sources/evaluating-information-sources/>

1. Use another source to add information because there are other criteria that may be considered besides what is included in the site above. Add additional information and write the URL address of the additional source you used in the bottom right-hand corner of poster.
2. Use the poster paper to create a visual for evaluating sources. Include criteria for evaluating sources and attach information that falls under each category. For instance, “Authority” could be written in the main part of the poster, then attach information dealing with that topic such as “Is the author named?” “Credentials of author?” etc. (Look at the PowerPoint to see an example poster—don’t limit yourself to this example—Be Creative and design your own)
3. After the poster is complete, use the information on the poster to actually evaluate your given website. To do this, select a pen color not used already on the map. For each criteria on your map, write in the corresponding information from the site. Thus, for “Authority,” write author’s name. If there is no author for this site, write “NO” to indicate there is no author. Do this for each criteria. This means you are applying the information you learned about evaluating sources to actually evaluate the site.
4. After considering all of your answers for #3, decide as a group if the website is valid or invalid. Write in large letters across the top of your poster the words Valid or Invalid for the site. It is either a reliable source or not.
* Check List:

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| * Authority
 | * Neat and organized
 |
| * Accuracy
 | * Creative / Original
 |
| * Scope
 | * Evaluated Assigned Source in Website
 |
| * Primary Sources
 | * Wrote valid or invalid across top of poster
 |
| * Additional criteria from another source
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