

Activity worksheet

Your task is to locate a website that provides information about Indigenous Australian cultures and histories and evaluate that site for user-friendliness, clarity of organisation, functionality and **reliability**. Complete this critique of the site you've chosen.

What is the name of the website? Write it here: _____

Which web browser are you using? _____

What is the URL of the splash page? http://_____

Go to the splash page (home page) of the website, then work through these questions about that page. Circle YES or NO to answer.

Does the page take a long time to load? YES NO Do images increase the information's usefulness? YES NO

Are there any spelling errors on the page? YES NO Is there text on the page? YES NO

Are there headings organising the text? YES NO Are there subheadings on the page? YES NO

Do they help the user find what they need? YES NO Is the author's name displayed on the page? YES NO

Is there a contact e-mail address included? YES NO Is there a 'last updated' notice on the page? YES NO

Is the format readable with your browser? YES NO Was the page updated fairly recently? YES NO

Are there any advertisements on the page? YES NO Are there any elements that are distracting? YES NO

Do the ads look legitimate to you? YES NO Are there any pop-ups asking you not to leave? YES NO

Go to the first supporting page of the website, then work through these questions about it.

Is there a link back to the home page? YES NO Are the links clearly visible and labelled? YES NO

Are there images on the page? YES NO Are there audio elements on this page? YES NO

Does the page title match the content? YES NO Did this page lead you to other info sources? YES NO

Go to the second supporting page of the website, then work through these questions about it.

Is there a link back to the home page? YES NO Are the links clearly visible and labelled? YES NO

Are there images on the page? YES NO Are there audio elements on this page? YES NO

Does the page title match the content? YES NO Did this page lead you to other info sources? YES NO

Go back to the splash page and work through these questions.

Is the content presented as factual? YES NO If so, can the facts be verified as truthful? YES NO

Did the composer rely on primary sources? YES NO Can we confirm reliability, truth and validity? YES NO

Is the material internally consistent? YES NO Are there leaps in logic present? YES NO

Is a list of printed sources included? YES NO Does the information appear biased? YES NO

Does the presentation look professional? YES NO Are any video links included? YES NO

Does the page rely on creating a mood? YES NO Is there a site map on the website? YES NO

Is there a subscription on offer? YES NO Is there an 'Unsubscribe' option offered? YES NO

Are there any 'click-bait'* elements? YES NO If there is a site map, is it accurate? YES NO

**Click-bait elements are links that attempt to entice users to click on them in order that the hosts can persuade people to buy something or subscribe, to harvest email addresses or to perpetrate hoaxes or phishing scams (for people's credit card or identity details).*

Would you use this site as a reliable source of information? YES NO Explain your answer: