Now it is time to put all of your website-evaluation knowledge and practice together. In this assignment, you will evaluate two separate websites. Each website provides information on the same subject: Greek mythology. Complete the Website Evaluation Checklist, to evaluate both websites and determine if each website is reliable for use on a school project.

You will use what you have learned and the Website evaluation checklist to check the reliability of the two websites listed below:

* [Greek Mythology.com](http://www.greekmythology.com/)
* [Perseus Digital Library](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/)

The left column lists questions to ask when evaluating websites. The middle column is to answer the questions for the first website. The right column is to answer the questions for the second website.

When you have answered the questions, including writing the two paragraphs for the last two questions in the checklist, please submit your work to the dropbox.

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|  | First Website | Second Website |
| 1. Purpose | | |
| Is this a personal webpage or website? | ☐ ~ or % in the URL | ☐ ~ or % in the URL |
| What is the domain/extension? | ☐.com ☐.gov/mil  ☐.edu ☐.org  ☐other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | ☐.com ☐.gov/mil  ☐.edu ☐.org  ☐other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Is the website trying to sell you a product? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is the website trying to persuade your opinion? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Are there advertisements on the page? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| 2. Accuracy and Currency | | |
| Is the author named? (Search the top and bottom of the page, or other links such as “About” or “Contact”.) | **Y / N**  ☐ Person?  ☐ Institution/Organization? | **Y / N**  ☐ Person?  ☐ Institution/Organization? |
| Is any contact information listed? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is a date of creation or date of update listed? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Are links to additional sources provided? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Do the links work properly? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is a bibliography provided? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| 3. Objectivity | | |
| Is the website trying to sell something? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is there any bias present in the information? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is the information presented fairly (both sides presented if applicable)? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| 4. Authority | | |
| Is it clear who the author is? | **Y / N**  Name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Y / N**  Name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Is contact information provided? What kind? | **Y / N**  ☐ Email  ☐ Address  ☐ Phone  ☐ Fax  ☐ Other | **Y / N**  ☐ Email  ☐ Address  ☐ Phone  ☐ Fax  ☐ Other |
| Are qualifications or credentials provided? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| 5. Appearance | | |
| Are there any glaring mistakes in grammar or spelling? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is the information free? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Do you need to download or install additional software to view the information? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| Is the website easy to navigate? | **Y / N** | **Y / N** |
| 6. Evaluation Results | | |
| *Is the first website a reliable source of information? (Please justify your answer in a brief paragraph explaining why or why not.)* | | |
| *Is the second website a reliable source of information? (Please justify your answer in a brief paragraph explaining why or why not.)* | | |