Website Evaluation Form

Instructions for use:
This form is intended to serve as a starting point for the form you will distribute to your web site evaluators.
Before you distribute this form to your evaluators, you should complete Section I General Information with the URL of your web site and your name.

I. General Information

1. URL of site evaluated:_ http://ttalerico.neocities.org/home.html___

2. Author of site evaluated: ___Tracie Talerico_____

3. Evaluator's first name:____Catherine_____

II. Web site was evaluated on the following system

1. Type of computer (Provide as much information as possible, i.e., Sony PC running Windows 7, Intel Pentium 4 , 2.80 GHz, 4 MB RAM): MAC Laptop; Mac OS X

2. Browser (e.g., Internet Explorer 10.0, Safari 7.0): Chrome

3. Internet connection (e.g., cable modem, DSL, corporate or institutional): DSL

III Design and Development

Instruction: For each of the questions below, rate your answer between one (strongly disagree) to five (strongly agree), and **explain your rating for the clarification**. Please take the time to explain your rationale in this form as it will help me write my Evaluation Report.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
DESIGN					
1. Document is subdivided into logical supporting pages or, if presented as a single page, it offers a table of contents with section links to avoid scrolling through entire document.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (5) This site is organized very clearly and logically from the homepage and throughout each following page. The same layout is used on each page, which provides a clear consistency and uniformity throughout the website, only adding to the overall organization of the material.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
2. The site displays sound design principles, including uncluttered space, subdued backgrounds, and coordinated colors.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (5) The colors chosen for this site are daring and leave an impact, but not glaring and harsh. I noticed that Tracie chose our school's colors, which is really a nice homage to our school. Also, but making the border across the top a bolder gold than the rest of the site really helps soften the overall glare of choosing such a strong palette.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
3. Navigation is intuitive, easy to understand, and provides flexibility in movement.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (4) By having the navigation menu on the left, as well as having the same navigation menu on each page of the site, really allows people to choose which page they want to jump to at any time. This flexibility is a great overall feature of the site. My only suggestion is to space out the navigation options a little bit more, so people can see the different links a little easier.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
4. Homepage is linked from all subsequent pages.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (5) The homepage is definitely linked on all the pages of the website, including the entire navigation menu.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
5. Multimedia elements have a clear purpose.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (5) All the multimedia elements included in the website have a clear and intentional purpose. I also really appreciated the fact that all the TED talk videos included a small introduction regarding who the speaker of the talk is, which allowed me to pick and choose who I wanted to watch and who I didn't based upon the introduction provided.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
6. Multimedia elements load quickly or file size is indicated with user option to download.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (5) I found all the videos to load very quickly. Also, most of the multimedia elements are videos, and there does not seem to be an option to download the video. However, you can download the PDF's or the image on the homepage.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
7. Images include alt, height, and width attributes and offer initial thumbnail graphic if file size is large.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (3) With the one image on the homepage, the file uploaded just fine.

8. Text is easy to read and contrasts with background.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (5) As mentioned earlier, the text contrasts perfectly with the background colors chosen. The colors Tracie chose to use make it very easy to read not only her text but also to see where she has included links to other material.

9. Site content is widely accessible or appropriate adaptations or explanations have been made.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (5) The site is extremely accessible, and explanations for all her content and choices made are clearly there and easy to understand.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
CONTENT					
1. Pages have clear and appropriate title in title bar.	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (5) All of the titles are aligned and consistent with the message of the website as well as the content presented on each page.

2. Links are appropriate, clearly labeled, and have a definite purpose.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (5) Every link included on each page is explained for its purpose, as well as defined for why it is included on the page.

3. Links are up-to-date and functional.   1   2   3   4   5
Please explain your feedback: (4) All of the links are working properly; however, my only suggestion is for new pages to open when a link has been selected, rather than having the new page open in place of the original website.

4. Useful content is embedded no further than two layers deep.   1   2   3   4   5
Please explain your feedback: (5) I found there to be useful content and links on every page, including the homepage.

5. Site contains in-depth content that encourages users to return.   1   2   3   4   5
Please explain your feedback: (5) As an English teacher and instructional coach, I found this website to have a wealth of useful information for ELA teachers who are new and experienced with using technology. I most appreciated how Tracie has incorporated links to published research as well as TED talks from respected professionals in the Educational industry.

6. Information is accurate and current.   1   2   3   4   5

<u>Please explain your feedback:</u> (5) From my point of view, the information provided is new an current, despite the fact that new information on technology in the classroom is changing moment to moment.

7. Site stimulates thinking and reflection or serves a   1   2   3   4   5
    useful purpose for an identified audience.

<u>Please explain your feedback</u>: (5) This site definitely stimulates thinking and should motivate any teacher to want to try and incorporate more technology into the classroom. I can't imagine any ELA teacher visiting this site not wanting to at least try to integrate more technology after perusing the information presented in this site.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

CREDIBILITY

1. Credibility is established by including information regarding author, affiliations, and credentials.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4	5

Please explain your feedback: (3) I see there is a Resources page listed, but it is not completed as of yet. I'm not sure if the intention is to use this page as an official "Works Cited" page or not, but as the site is currently, Tracie does have reference to author credentials and affiliations embedded within the content of her site as well as links to the original sites where she obtained the information. However, I believe a specific Resources/"Works Cited" page may be most appropriate.

2. Contact person with e-mail address is included.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (5) There is a contact e-mail located on the bottom of each page.

3. Site is bias-free or explicitly states point of view.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (4) The site does not necessarily show bias, but there is certainly an explicit point-of-view. Tracie is definitely in favor of incorporating technology in the classroom and providing teachers with ways to do so efficiently.

4. Material is original or includes appropriate citations with no copyright infringement.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (4) Tracie does give credit throughout the content of her site for each of the multimedia portions of her site, as well as direct links to all of the published research she includes. However, I believe it may help for her to include a "Works Cited" page as a way to avoid any copyright legalities.

5. Correct punctuation, spelling, and grammar indicate care and attention to detail.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (5) Tracie is definitely a master of punctuation, spelling, grammar, and attention to detail.

6. Site indicates date(s) that material was created or updated.   1   2   3   4   5

Please explain your feedback: (5) Along with her contact information, the site also indicates when it was created on each page.