

When you subscribe to Follett's WebPath Express service, you are assured of receiving links to high quality web sites that are appropriate for K-12 students. Websites that are approved for inclusion in WebPath Express must meet strict value standards. We evaluate every site based on the following guidelines:

### Content: Objectivity, Accuracy and Currency 25%

- Purpose of site is clearly stated.
- Content is free of bias (gender, race, religion, etc.).
- Text is well written with acceptable grammar and spelling.
- Sources of information used in the site are documented.
- Appropriate copyright statements are included.
- Content is not over-shadowed by advertising.
- Information is appropriate for intended audience level.
- Content is up-to-date.
- Publication date of site is clearly indicated.
- Date of last revision is included.
- Content effectively achieves its intended purpose.
- Information is accurate and verifiable.

### Authority and Credibility 25%

- Author's name is included.
- Author's email address or contact information is given.
- Author's qualifications and affiliations are included.
- Website publisher is identified.

### Educational Value and Coverage 25%

- Site offers valuable content to support curriculum.
- Site contains credible information.
- Content is meaningful and useful.
- Information is based on fact rather than opinion.
- Content found through first-level links generally meets overall content requirements.
- First-level links provide additional content or resources.
- Sites with writings contain full-text and not abstracts.

### Navigation and Design 15%

- Site is easy to read and navigate.
- Design is consistent from page to page within the site.
- Icons clearly represent what is intended.
- Navigation elements are labeled and easily identified.
- Sufficient links are available for both forward and backward movement, and to the homepage.
- Searchable index, site locator map or help screens are available.
- Font size is appropriate to an Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-8) or High school (9-12) reader.

### Technical Aspects 10%

- Site loads within a reasonable amount of time.
- Multi-media are appropriately incorporated.
- Students under the age of 13 are not required to register to use this site.
- Unusual software or hardware resources are not required.
- Site does not require a specific web browser.
- Access to site is not restricted (by time of day, password, location, etc.)

