# Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9 Academic

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Module 1: Environmental Justice

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| **Knowledge/ Understanding** | **Thinking** | **Application** |
| /5 marks | /9 marks | /22 marks |

**Assignment: Natural Resources Website Evaluation**

In this assignment, you will learn the steps to evaluate websites for bias, accuracy and relevance.

**🞎 Step 1:** Use **proper note-taking technique** to capture the important information during the Teacher-Librarian’s lesson:

*(Knowledge/Understanding - /5 marks)*

**🞎 Step 2: Choose ONE** natural resource you would like to explore in more depth:

🞎 Water 🞎 Fishing 🞎 Farming 🞎 Mining 🞎 Forestry (check ONE)

**🞎 Step 3: Explore** the two websites for your topic and complete the checklist below:

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| **Criteria:** | **Website 1:** | **Website 2:** |
| **Authority**    /4 marks | Categorize the website:  🞎 Government 🞎 Industry 🞎 Non-profit | Categorize the website:  🞎 Government 🞎 Industry 🞎 Non-profit |
| Has someone taken responsibility for the content of this website? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No  **If yes**, who is the author?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **If yes**, what are the credentials of the author?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Has someone taken responsibility for the content of this website? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No  **If yes**, who is the author? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **If yes**, what are the credentials of the author?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Can you contact the organization or author through a real world postal address or phone number? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | Can you contact the organization or author through a real world postal address or phone number? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No |
| **Objectivity**    /4 marks | Does the site provide:  🞎 Factual Information 🞎 Opinion 🞎 Propaganda  Is the information biased in any way?  🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: | Does the site provide:  🞎 Factual Information 🞎 Opinion 🞎 Propaganda  Is the information biased in any way?  🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: |
| Does the website offer more than one viewpoint? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: | Does the website offer more than one viewpoint? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: |
| **Accuracy**    /4 marks | Are the facts supported with data?  🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: | Are the facts supported with data?  🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: |
| Is there evidence of good research and documentation? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: | Is there evidence of good research and documentation? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No  Explain: |

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| **Criteria:** | **Website 1:** | **Website 2:** | |
| **Relevance**      /2 marks | Does the website contain information that you need? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Does the website contain information that you need? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| Does the website contain information that is relevant to your topic? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Does the website contain information that is relevant to your topic? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| **Completeness**    /4 marks | Does the site clearly state the topics it intends to address? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Does the site clearly state the topics it intends to address? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| Is the information well-written and easy to understand? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Is the information well-written and easy to understand? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| Does the site offer a list of further in-depth resources or links? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Does the site offer a list of further in-depth resources or links? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| Is the date of publication given?  🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Is the date of publication given?  🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| **Currency**    /2 marks | Is the information current enough for your topic? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Is the information current enough for your topic? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| Does the website’s information seem well organized? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Does the website’s information seem well organized? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| **Format**    /2 marks | Is the site easy to navigate? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Is the site easy to navigate? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |
| Does the site present the information in an attractive and clear way? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | | Does the site present the information in an attractive and clear way? 🞎 Yes 🞎 No | |

**Based on your checklist results, which website do you think is MORE CREDIBLE?**

🞎 Website 1 🞎 Website 2

*(Application - /22 marks)*

**🞎 Step 4: Justify your choice** of website using proper paragraph format:

Sentence 1 – State topic and names of two websites you compared. (1 mark)

Sentence 2 – State which website you think is more credible. (1 mark)

Body Sentences – State and explain 3 reasons why website is more credible. (6 marks)

Sentence 6 – State one way the website could improve. (1 mark)

*(Thinking - /9 marks)*

**Website evaluation assignment links (will be posted to class website)**

**Water**

1. Council of Canadians

<http://www.canadians.org/water>

1. Canadian Bottled Water Association

<http://www.cbwa.ca/>

**Mining**

1. Natural Resources Canada – Metals & Mineral

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/minerals-metals/home>

1. Mining Watch Canada

<http://www.miningwatch.ca/>

**Forestry**

1. Canadian Forestry Service

<http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/>

1. Forest Stewardship Council

<https://ca.fsc.org/>

**Fishing**

1. Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance

<http://www.aquaculture.ca/>

1. Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/sustainable-durable/index-eng.htm>

**Farming**

1. Canadian Federation of Agriculture

<http://www.cfa-fca.ca/>

1. Toronto Food Policy Council

<http://tfpc.to/>