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Technology Assignment

Evaluation of Educational Website
[Ben's Guide to US Government for Kids](#)

1. Accuracy of Web Documents

Ben's Guide is a service of the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. According to the site, "this site provides learning tools for K-12 students, parents, and teachers. These resources will teach how our government works, the use of the primary source materials of *GPO Access*, and how one can use *GPO Access* to carry out their civic responsibilities." The author provides an e-mail or a contact address - <mailto:askben@gpo.gov>

2. Authority of Web Documents

Although it is hard to distinguish who published the document from the Webmaster, the institution of the US Government is clearly the source of the information that is provided and posted. And while the credentials are not posted specifically, in this case, they need not to be.

3. Objectivity of Web Documents

The goals and objective of this site is to provide useful information and activities for students, teachers and parents. These goals are met and then some on this site, which provides detailed is the information at age appropriate levels, without opinions expressed by the author or unsolicited advertising.

4. Currency of Web Documents

The site does not state when it was originally produced but each individual page listed when it was last updated. The home page was last updated on March 8, 2004. All the links are up to date. So far no "dead links" are on the site. And, none of the information is out of date.

5. Coverage of the Web Documents

The site provides a balance of text and images. All information presented is cited correctly. As well as, a link that show how students can cite information take from their site. For any special software required to view the information on this site, it is all free software that can be obtained to the information. In addition, this software is linked to on the site.