

### **WebQuest Quality Scale**

Not every WebQuest is educationally sound. Some WebQuests are no better than automated workbook pages. Use the following quality scale to determine the educational validity of the WebQuest.

	<b>1 point</b>	<b>2 points</b>	<b>3 points</b>	<b>4 points</b>
<b>Task Authenticity</b>	the task is not life-related but simply instructs the student to locate and report on information	the task makes an attempt at authenticity, but ends up being a research and report task	the task puts the student in a real-life situation, although it may be a bit unrealistic, like returning to a former time	the task puts the student in a realistic, real-life situation
<b>Task Open-Endedness</b>	the student is merely looking up answers to closed-ended questions	the task is somewhat open-ended but leads students to develop rather obvious recommendations	the task is somewhat open-ended, requiring the student to create new information or design a unique plan	the task is open-ended, requiring the student to create new information and make not-so-obvious recommendations
<b>Directions</b>	directions are hard to follow; students will need a lot of assistance	directions are somewhat clearly written and easy-to-follow; students may have difficulty in some sections	directions are clearly written, easy-to-follow, and appropriate for the grade-level	directions are clearly written, easy-to-follow, and appropriate for the grade-level; includes troubleshooting tips or further instructions on related skills
<b>Assessment</b>	no assessment rubric or checklist is included to guide student work	one or more assessment rubrics or checklists are included that assess both content and presentation	one or more assessment rubrics are included that assess both content and presentation, both individual and collaborative work	one or more analytic assessment rubrics are included that assess both content and presentation, both individual and collaborative work
<b>Layout</b>	WebQuest is not divided into sections but must be read linearly	WebQuest is divided into sections that are accessible only from a main section	WebQuest is divided into sections that are easy to navigate and accessible from other sections	WebQuest is divided into sections that are easy to navigate and accessible from other sections; sections are clearly marked and separated from one another
<b>Special Effects</b>	no special use of graphics, sound, or animation	includes background or meaningful graphics	includes background and meaningful graphics	includes background, meaningful graphics, and sound

*top score = 24; 20 or above would be considered "quality"*