

# iEvaluate: A Closer Look At Websites

## student handout

Visit and evaluate at least three of the websites listed, then answer the following questions in your process journals or using a collaborative document or spreadsheet:

- 1. Havidoll:** The first and only treatment for dysphoric social attention consumption deficit anxiety disorder (DSACDAD). <http://havidol.com>
- 2. DHMO:** A dangerous or useful chemical? <http://www.dhmo.org/facts.html>
- 3. Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus:** An endangered species! <http://zapatopi.net/treeoctopus>
- 4. Furnetics:** The world's only provider of customized genetic body modifications. <http://www.furnetics.com>
- 5. Buy Hydrated Water:** Save yourself from harmful pollutants. <http://www.buydehydratedwater.com>
- 6. Dog Island:** Let your dog live happily ever after! <http://www.thedogisland.com>
- 7. Boilerplate:** Learn about the first robotic man ever built. <http://www.bigredhair.com/boilerplate/intro.html>
- 8. Uncyclopedia:** The content free encyclopedia. [http://uncyclopedia.wikia.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://uncyclopedia.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page)
- 9. Petrol Direct:** Save money by buying gasoline online. <http://www.petroldirect.com>
- 10. California's Velcro Crop:** An important crop under stress from drought, disease, and pests. <http://www.umbachconsulting.com/miscellany/velcro.html>

### EVALUATION QUESTIONS:

- Website Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- URL: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Visited: \_\_\_\_\_
- What did you learn from this website? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the website's purpose?
  - Sell a product or service
  - Research
  - News reporting/facts
  - Opinion (blog)
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the creator or author? \_\_\_\_\_
- How can you tell that the information is reliable? \_\_\_\_\_