Is it Credible?

Directions: Your group needs to find a unique festival/event to attend on your next class trip. After doing some preliminary searching, the group came across this [website](#). Use the strategies below to determine if the [website](#) is credible.

Readability

A lexile is a measure of a text's readability. Some resources are written at a high lexile scale. If you can't read it, don't use it! First, find a source with language you can read and comprehend.

- Determine if the website is written at a lexile level that will allow you to reasonably understand its content. Provide your explanation in the box below.

Simplified 5 W's

The 5 W's is a collection of who, what, when, where, and why questions that represent a tool that can be used to help evaluate a website, among other things. There are variations of the 5 W's, but they all have the same purpose - help you determine the credibility of a website. For this part, you will use a simplified version of this tool.

- Answer the questions that compose the Simplified 5 W's in the table below.

Category	Answer(s)
Who...	
Where.	
When...	
Why...	
What...	

Website Observations

When performing a general internet search for resources it is important to observe a few aspects of the website, in addition to the 5 W's, to get a sense of its credibility. For this part, you will use checklist as an additional tool to help you determine the credibility of a website.

- Complete the Website Observations Checklist by putting an "X" in the column that applies to your website. Your group should be able to identify evidence for why you came to that determination.

Website Observations Checklist		
	YES	NO
Opinions or exaggerations		
Evidence:		
Spelling, grammatical, or punctuation errors		
Evidence:		
Products for purchase		
Evidence:		
Biased humor or satire		
Evidence:		
Political campaigning		
Evidence:		
Non-working links		
Evidence:		
Additional Observations:		
Evidence:		

Construct an Explanation

The goal of science is to construct explanations for the causes of phenomena. An explanation includes a claim that relates how a variable or variables relate to another variable or a set of variables. A claim is often made in response to a question and in the process of answering the question, scientists often design investigations to generate data.

- Use the evidence (Simplified 5 W's and Website Observations) you have gathered, to argue for whether your website is credible. This can be best accomplished through use of the Claim, Evidence, Reasoning (CER) Framework.

Claim - a statement that answers a particular question or problem	
Evidence - scientific data that is appropriate and sufficient to support the claim	**Reasoning** - a justification that links the claim and the evidence
Insert additional Evidence and Reasoning rows above as needed	