

## Informational Text Evaluation Form

**Instructions:** Evaluate the informational text you have chosen using the form below.

Title of Text: The Life Cycle of a Whale

Type of Informational Text: Expository Text

<b>Part 1: Authority of the Author</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is the author or website publisher identified?	✓	
Does the author or publisher have expertise in the topic?	✓	
<b>Part 2: Accuracy</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Are the text and pictures accurate?	✓	
Are there references or a bibliography that validates the information?		
Does the book or website explore more than one side of an issue, or does it represent only one point of view?		✓
Does it appear to be biased?		✓
Is the information current?	✓	
<b>Part 3: Appropriateness</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Is the level of difficulty and writing style appropriate to the audience?	✓	
Is the book or website well organized and easy to navigate?	✓	
Do the pictures and visuals support the text?	✓	
Are there headings to aid the reader?	✓	
<b>Part 4: Literary Artistry</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Did the author use a "hook" to get you into the text?	✓	
Did the author use examples, analogies, or metaphors and similes to keep you interested?	✓	
<b>Part 5: Kid Appeal</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Does the text have interesting visuals?	✓	
Would you pick up the book or go to the website on your own?	✓	