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Website Evaluation Project

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Kim Neininger created a website entitled *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* which gives the reader a small yet insightful summary of the story. The website is broken into five sections, and my review focuses mainly on the sections that the author wrote herself (the character analysis and synopsis). Based on authority, content, and organization, the website does not seem very competent; however there are some aspects that would be useful for someone who is trying to get an understanding of the story on an elementary level.

The URL address is .edu, (<http://csis.pace.edu/grendel/proj2b/main.html>) which leads one to initially believe the website will be accurate and educational. However, the page seems as if it is the author's homepage, or perhaps a website created for a class. It is, however, credible due to the extensive bibliography that is listed after every section, and the precision that the author took to citing any quotes or ideas that were not her own. The only problem-practically the entire site is from other sources. There are no dates listed or updates available, which further allows one to believe that this may not be a professional website.

In terms of content, the information that is given seems simple. Everything is cited by different websites or books. The author does very little to write down her own ideas about the story. The section that is entitled "Sir Gawain Character Analysis" is

similar to one that could be found in Sparknotes. The content is both obvious and brief, and provides an elementary insight to the character. Anyone who has read the story should know that Sir Gawain is “the epitome of chivalry”. The grammar is accurate, but the vocabulary is very simple. The sections that do provide the reader with more difficult vocabulary are cited to Norton Anthology of English Literature.

The page is very simple, however it is organized. It is quite easy to navigate. It is semi-creative because it does provide many links to other websites with Sir Gawain and the Green Knight art. However, the overall appearance is too simple to be praised. The website honestly looks as if it was created by someone for their high school English class.