WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY

Source #2: www.shmoop.com/british-romanticism/

1. Note the excessive amount of colorful advertisements.

2. One example of the source’s attempts to sell a product to its users.

3. The source offers “premium” services only to its paid members. This may tell us that the main purpose of the site is to sell a product, not to educate.
4. There is no date, works-cited list, or author listed anywhere on this source. There is, however, a “cite this page” link.

5. The “cite this page” link shows users how to cite the source using a few different citation formats. Here is the MLA citation. The author remains an anonymous entity. The source has not been edited since 11 November 2008.

6. Here is a sample of the source’s text. The author takes on a humorous tone and varies between writing for educational purposes and writing for entertainment.

1. How many checks does this source deserve? 4 N
2. Would you use this as a source for a research paper in our class? Explain why or why not below. Be sure to give specific examples. Use the checklist if you need help.

I would not use this as a source for a research paper in our class because (the author’s name and credentials are not listed/there are advertisements everywhere/the writing often takes on a humorous tone/there are no citations/there is no proof that this source is influential or respected within the scholarly field/there is no publication date listed/etc.)