Evaluating a Source: Is it CRAAP?

Evaluate sources using the questions below. If you can say "yes" to all of the questions, you have a trustworthy source. If you say "no" to any of these questions, this may not be the best source to use in your research.

Research topic: _____

Title of Source: _____

Author: _____

Currency: the timeliness of the information		
The original date of publication or the last updated date is within the last **five** years. *(If you can't find a date, choose no.)*	yes	no
Relevance: the importance of the information to your needs		
The content is closely related to the topic of my research.	yes	no
The information seems neither too **simple** nor too **complex** for me to understand.	yes	no
Authority: the source of the information		
The author, publisher, source, or sponsor of the site is named.	yes	no
The author or publisher is an **expert** on this topic. *(If you can't tell what the author's job or the publisher's purpose is, choose no.)*	yes	no
Accuracy: the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness if the content		
References are given for where your source got their information. OR The publisher of the site is responsible for **creating this information**. *(e.g. Statistics from a Government Agency)*	yes	no
Information is clear with no spelling or grammar mistakes. On websites there are no broken links.	yes	no
Purpose: the reason the information exists		
On websites (not databases), the address ends in **.edu**, or **.gov**.	yes	no
The source has few or no advertisements and is not trying to sell you anything.	yes	no

Based on your CRAAP evaluation, is this a source you should use for research?

How do I find .gov or .edu sites?

In google, do a regular search for your topic. Then, under **settings** choose "**Advanced Search**."
Then, use the "**site or domain**" box to limit your search to only .gov or .edu sites.

Then narrow your results
by...

language:	any language
region:	any region
last update:	anytime
site or domain:	
terms appearing:	anywhere in the page
SafeSearch:	Show most relevant results
file type:	any format
usage rights:	not filtered by license