

SCRAP TEST

If your source fails in any of these areas, then **SCRAP IT** and find a new one!
(Starting with *Authoritative* will save you time.)

SOLID

Does the source offer enough solid evidence to support the information?

Do other credible sources agree with this information?

CURRENT

When was it published or revised—and are its sources current?

Is currency important to your topic?

RELEVANT

Does it provide the information you need?

Is the depth of coverage and level appropriate (not too elementary; not too scholarly)?

AUTHORITATIVE

What are the publisher's qualifications? (Check "ABOUT" and search the web.)

What are the author's qualifications? (For example, are they an expert, journalist, etc.?)

What do other websites say about the author and/or publisher?

PURPOSE

What is the purpose: To inform, persuade, entertain, or sell?

How does it make you feel? Does it cause strong emotions?

Is bias or point of view clearly stated?