

## Website Evaluation - The C.R.A.P. Test for <website name (with hyperlink)>

Criteria	Evaluation Techniques	Low Quality	Medium Quality	High Quality			
C urrency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How recent is the information?</li> <li>How recently has the website been updated?</li> <li>Is it <b>current enough</b> for your topic</li> </ul>						
		>5 yrs	5 yrs old	4 yrs old	3 yrs old	2 yrs old	<2 yrs
		0	1	2	3	4	5
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R eliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much information is there?</li> <li>Is most of the information important &amp; <b>relevant</b> to your topic?</li> <li>Is the content of the resource primarily <b>opinion</b>?</li> <li>Does it show many sides of the issue?</li> <li>Does the creator provide <b>references or sources</b> for data or quotations?</li> </ul>						
		Not Reliable	Somewhat Reliable	Highly Reliable			
		0	1	2	3	4	5
Criteria	Evaluation Techniques	Low Quality	Medium Quality	High Quality			
A uthority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the <b>creator</b> or author?</li> <li>What are their <b>credentials</b>? (why is he/she and expert?)</li> <li>Who is the publisher or <b>sponsor</b>?</li> <li>Are they <b>reputable</b>?</li> <li>What is the publisher's <b>interest</b> (if any) in this information?</li> </ul>						
		Not Qualified	Somewhat Qualified	Highly Qualified			
		0	1	2	3	4	5
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P urpose/ Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this <b>fact or opinion</b>?</li> <li>Is it <b>biased</b>?</li> <li>Is the creator/author trying to <b>sell</b> you something? (wants you to "buy-into" his ideas or purchase something)</li> </ul>						
		Biased	Somewhat biased	Unbiased			
		0	1	2	3	4	5

How many points did your web page get?	
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<b>0-6</b>	This website is probably CRAP and should not be used for anything other than entertainment purposes
<b>7-14</b>	This website may have issues with the reliability of the information - look for other sources
<b>15-20</b>	This website would appear to be high enough quality to use as a reliable source of information