

C.R.A.A.P. Test

Website Evaluation Checklist

Title of page you are evaluating:

URL of page:

CURRENCY

When was the page written or updated? If no date is given on the page, visit the home page to look for the date.	Date _____	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence
Is the information current enough for your topic? Why might the date matter for your topic?	Yes No	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence

RELIABILITY

Are there references given for the information on the site? Look for a bibliography or any list of materials used in the creation of the page.	Yes How many? No	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence
Is the content primarily opinion? Is the content biased or balanced? Why might bias matter for your topic?	Yes No	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence

AUTHORITY and ACCURACY

Who wrote the page? If there is no specific author, what is the name of the organization responsible for the site? You may need to visit the homepage to find the answer.	Email: _____ Name: _____	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence
Is there evidence that the author or organization is an expert on this subject?	Evidence:	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence

PURPOSE AND POINT OF VIEW

Why was the page put on the web? Are there ads on the site? How do they relate to the topic covered? <i>Example: an ad selling ammunition next to an article about firearm legislation.</i> Is the content primarily opinion?	Information/facts Persuasion Sales tool Other _____	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence
What is the domain extension? How might this influence the purpose?	.com .edu .mil .org .net .gov Other _____	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence
Based on the writing style and vocabulary, who is the intended audience?	Children General Public Students Scholars or professionals Other	Provide a screen capture or specific information below as evidence

Will you use the source? WHY or WHY NOT?