

The CRAAP Test: Evaluating Sources

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the relevant questions, and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1=unreliable, 10=excellent). Add up the scores to see if you should use the resource. **45-50 Excellent | 40-44 Good | 35-39 Average | 30-34 Borderline Acceptable | Below 30 Unacceptable.**

Name of source: _____

Link to source: _____

C urrency	the timeliness of the information..... 1. When was the information published or posted? 2. Has the information been revised or updated? If so, when? 3. Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic? 4. Are the links functional?	Currency Answers	Score
R elevance	the importance of the information for your needs..... 1. Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? 2. Who is the intended audience? 3. Is the information at an appropriate level? 4. Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one? 5. Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?	Relevance Answers	Score
A uthority	the source of the information..... 1. Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? 2. Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? 3. What are the author's credentials/organizational affiliations if given? 4. What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic? 5. Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? 6. Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?	Authority Answers	Score
A ccuracy	the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content..... 1. Where does the information come from? 2. Is the information supported by evidence? 3. Has the information been reviewed or refereed? 4. Can you verify any of the information in another source? 5. Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion? 6. Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?	Accuracy Answers	Score
P urpose	the reason the information exists..... 1. What is the purpose of the information? 2. Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? 3. Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda? 4. Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? 5. Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?	Purpose Answers	Score

Total: _____/50

Source is: **Excellent | Good | Average | Borderline Acceptable | Unacceptable**