

CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use this list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the appropriate questions, and rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource.

Website considered: _____

Currency: The timeliness of the information

When was the information published or last updated?	
When was the page created?	
Do the links work?	
Is the page regularly maintained?	
Is the information current for your topic/research?	

Relevance: The depth and importance of the information (focused & on topic)

Does the information relate to your topic / answer your question?	
Who is the intended audience and is it at the right level for your needs?	
Does the resource have enough depth for your needs?	
Have you looked at a variety of sources before deciding to use this one?	
Why do you prefer this resource to other types or formats?	

Authority: The source of the information

Who is the author?	
What are the author's credentials and affiliations (a reputable institution)?	
Is the author qualified to write on the topic?	
Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email?	
Does the URL tell about the author or source? (i.e. .ca – Canadian site; .gov – US gov't.; .edu – US educational institution; .org – Organizations or special interest groups, usually non-profit; .com, .net, .biz – companies, etc.)	

Accuracy: The reliability / truthfulness / correctness of the information

Is the information correct?	
Can the information be verified by other sources?	
Is the information cited?	
Are there spelling, grammatical, or typographical errors?	
Has the information been peer reviewed (studied by other experts in the field)?	

Purpose: The reason the information exists

Is the information meant to teach? Inform? Persuade? Entertain?	
Does the author / sponsor make their intentions or purpose clear?	
Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda? Is the point of view objective and impartial?	
Is there advertising on the site? What is being advertised?	
Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?	

Total Score: _____ / 50

Considering your answers and score above, write one or two complete sentences explaining why you would OR would not rely on this website.
