

The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions and then rank each of the five parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of the quality of the resource.

Currency:

- When was the information created or revised?
- Is the information (and links) current or out of date for your topic?

Relevance:

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your research question?
- Does the source address my hypothesis/thesis/question directly?

Authority:

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source?
- What are the author's credentials (university degrees, employment history, organizational affiliations)?
- Are the author's credentials appropriate to the subject matter?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?

Accuracy:

- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Did the author use reliable, credible sources?
- Based on your knowledge, does the information seem accurate?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?
- Are there spelling or grammar errors?
- Do the links work?

Purpose:

- What is the purpose of the information?
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the information a fact, an opinion, or propaganda?
- Is the source a scholarly or popular treatment? How can you tell?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?

Total CRAAP:

45 – 50 *Excellent* | 40 – 44 *Good* | 35 – 39 *Average* | 30 – 34 *Borderline Acceptable* | Below 30 *Unacceptable*