**The CRAAP Test for Evaluating Sources**

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The internet has so much information on every imaginable topic that it makes it important to know how to evaluate that information. One way to do that is **the CRAAP Test**.

**Evaluation Criteria**

**Currency:** *The timeliness of information*.

* Does your topic require current information or is older information okay as well (e.g. a recent event or the history of something)
* When was the information published or posted?
* Has it been updated/revised?
* Are the links functional?

**Relevance:** *The importance of the information for your needs.*

* Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
* Who is the intended audience?
* Is the information an appropriate level for you (not too elementary or advanced for your needs)?
* Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining the one you will use?

**Authority:** *The source of the information.*

* Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
* What are the author’s credentials/organizational connections?
* Is the author qualified to write on the topic?
* Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?
* Does the URL reveal anything about the author or the source? .edu, .gov, .org, .net

**Accuracy:** *The reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content*.

* Where does the information come from?
* Is the information supported by evidence?
* Has the information been reviewed or referenced?
* Can you verify the information with another source?
* Is the language and tone unbiased?
* Are there spelling/grammar errors?

**Purpose:** *The reason the information exists.*

* What is the purpose of the information? to teach, sell, entertain or persuade?
* Is the purpose clear?
* Is it fact, opinion or propaganda?
* Is it objective and impartial?
* Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?