

C.R.A.A.P. Resource Evaluation Checklist

Answer the following:

CURRENT: Timeliness of the resource

- Is the publication date recent, especially if the relevance of the source is important to the topic?
- Is a copyright date provided?

RELEVANT: The importance of the information for your research

- Does the information source answer a question I have about my topic OR does it help develop a new question to pursue for my topic?
- Is it at my reading level?

AUTHORITATIVE: Credibility and expertise of the author

- Who is the author/publisher/sponsor of this information source?
- Is the author or group qualified to be an expert on the subject?
- What are the author's credentials and/or organizational affiliations?
- Is there any way to contact the author?
- What is the domain name and extension (.edu, .gov, .com, etc.)? NOTE: the extension is a clue but NOT a guarantee of credibility!

ACCURATE: Reliability, truthfulness, objectiveness and correctness of the content

- Is the information supported by evidence/facts?
- Can I verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language and tone of the information source seem unbiased, objective and free of emotion or personal opinions?
- Are there any grammar or spelling errors?

PURPOSE: The reason the information exists

- Does the author make his/her intentions or purpose for the information clear?
- What is the purpose: to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade?
- Is the information primarily facts, opinion or propaganda?

Does this resource pass the CRAAP test?

Would you use this information for your research? Give at least 3 reasons for why or why not.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.