**C.R.A.A.P. Test Worksheet**

The CRAAP Test\* is a list of questions to help you evaluate the information you find. Select a source appropriate to your research topic. Use that source to answer the questions below to determine if it is appropriate to use.

**Provide an MLA/APA citation for your source here:**

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What type of source is it? **□ Scholarly Article** **□ Magazine □ Newspaper □ Book □ Website**

**1. Currency:** *the timeliness of the information*

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| When was the information published or posted? |  |
| Is it recent enough to be relevant to your thesis? Why or why not?  | □Yes □NoExplain:   |
| \* Websites Only: How recently has the website been updated?  |  |

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

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| Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? | □Yes □NoExplain:   |
| Is the information at an appropriate level? | □Yes □NoExplain:   |
| Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?  | □Yes □NoExplain:   |

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

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| Who is the creator or author? |  |
| What are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliations? |  |
| What are the author’s qualifications to write on this topic? |  |
| \*Websites Only: does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? (examples: .com, .edu, .gov, .org, .net)  |  |

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

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| Is the information supported by evidence?  | □Yes □NoExplain:   |
| Are there citations or a bibliography included? | □Yes □No  |
| Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? | □Yes □No |
| \*Websites Only: Do all the links work? | □Yes □No |

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

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| Do the creator(s) make their intentions or purpose clear?  | □Yes □No |
| Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?  | □Yes □NoExplain:   |
| Are there any political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal bias?  | □Yes □No |
| Is the creator/author trying to sell you something? | □Yes □No |