

The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then 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 (and whether your professor would want you to!).

Currency: the timeliness of the information.....

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- When was the information published or posted? June 28 2016
- Has the information been revised or updated? NO
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic? current
- Are the links functional? yes

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
- Who is the intended audience? people interested in science
- Is the information at an appropriate level? yes
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one? yes
- Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper? NO

Authority: the source of the information.....

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- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? popular science
- Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? NO
- What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? N/A
- What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic? N/A
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? NO
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? NO

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

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- Where does the information come from? unsure
- Is the information supported by evidence? yes
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed? no
- Can you verify any of the information in another source? yes
- Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion? yes
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? no

Purpose: the reason the information exists.....

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- What is the purpose of the information? informative
- Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? no
- Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda? fact
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? yes
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases? no

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

Total: 37