**ENG-112S Week 3 Assignment: CRAAP Method Evaluation of Sources**

**Preparation for Week 7 Call to Action Research Project: using CRAAP method to evaluate 2 sources**

Step #1: **Select a website** relevant to your chosen topic (from Week 1) to evaluate using the CRAAP method.

Step #2: **Fill out the following worksheet** to help you evaluate the website. Answer the questions, and then rate each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Put your rating in the blue box. Add up the scores for all sections to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource (and whether your instructors would want you to!). There is a score guide at the bottom of the worksheet to help you decide the level of credibility.

Step #3: **REPEAT STEPS 1 TO 3 ABOUT SECOND SOURCE**

**Copy/Paste the Link to your website in the box below:**

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

• When was the information published or posted? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Has the information been revised or updated? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Is the information current or out of date for your topic? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• 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 at an appropriate level? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

• Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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• What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• What does the domain or URL reveal about the author or source? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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 refereed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Can you verify any of the information in another source? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

• What is the purpose of the information? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases? \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total:**

**Score Guide:** 50-41 = Excellent | 40-31 = Good | 30-21 = Average | 20-11 = Borderline Acceptable | Below 10 = Unacceptable

**Continue to the next page to complete a CRAAP evaluation for your second source website…**

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