### Activity: Evaluating Sources (GRADED)

**NOTE: This activity will be graded based on completion.**



Remember last week when you conducted some research and found several sources? Let's revisit those sources and put them to the **C.R.A.A.P.O.\*** test! This will help you determine which sources are credible and, consequently, which are the best choices for your essay. Using the provided worksheet, determine whether or not one of the sources you found passes the test.

By the end of this assignment, you should have at least one source that can be used for your persuasive essay.

#### **Put Your Sources to the Test**

[Click here to download a copy of The C.R.A.A.P.O. Test Worksheet.](https://snhu.mindedgeonline.com/get.php/CRAAPOtest.docx) Make sure you fill out the worksheet in its entirety—otherwise the test will not be accurate. If the total for the source is 35+ points, it's a good indication that it is credible (remember, though, the more points the better, and the only way for the C.R.A.A.P.O. test to work is to be as honest as possible when evaluating each source). If the source scores fewer than 35 points, it's not strong enough to include in your essay and you should find another.

After you find a credible source that can be used for your persuasive essay, identify it in the textbox below. Then, explain how the source fared with the C.R.A.A.P.O. test by answering the following questions in one fully developed paragraph:

1. What were the total points the source earned on the test?
2. Where did it earn the most points? How did it earn these points?
3. Where did it earn the least points? Why did it lose points here?
4. How will this source help support the main argument (or counterargument) of your essay?

*Your response*

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Following the C.R.A.A.P.O test, the sources that I performed them on, all performed pretty well. The three sources that were tested received a 41,45, and 40. Most of the points were earned being up to date information. The least amount came from the authors not having credentials. Having these credentials help make the source be more reliable. Having a reliable source(s) allows me to mention all up to date facts on my topic to help show my side of the argument.