

The **CRAAP** Test Worksheet

Use the list below to help you determine if a source is good or not. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource (and if your instructor would want you to!).

<p>Currency: <i>the timeliness of the information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When was the information first 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 _____ • Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?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? _____ 	<p>From 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent), what score would you give this source?</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<p>Relevance: <i>the importance of the information for your needs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? _____ • Who is the intended audience? _____ • Is the information at an appropriate level (i.e. not too elementary or advanced for your needs)? _____ • Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this is one you will use? _____ • Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper? _____ 	<p>From 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent), what score would you give this source?</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<p>Authority: <i>the source of the information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? _____ • Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given? _____ • What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations? _____ • What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic? _____ • Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? _____ • Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? (.edu? .gov? .org?) _____ 	<p>From 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent), what score would you give this source?</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

<p>Accuracy: <i>the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 or from personal knowledge? _____ Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion? _____ Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? _____ 	<p>From 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent), what score would you give this source?</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<p>Purpose: <i>the reason the information exists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the purpose of the information? to inform? teach? sell? entertain? Persuade? _____ 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? _____ 	<p>From 1-10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent), what score would you give this source?</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

Did it pass the **CRAAP** Test? Add all the sections to find out!

Total:

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