

## 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*

When was the information published or posted?	
Is it recent enough to be relevant to your thesis? Why or why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
* Websites Only: How recently has the website been updated?	

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

Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Is the information at an appropriate level?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:

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

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*

Is the information supported by evidence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Are there citations or a bibliography included?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Websites Only: Do all the links work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

Do the creator(s) make their intentions or purpose clear?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Explain:
Are there any political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal bias?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No