

*C.R.A.A.P. Test Checklist

Details of Information Source (website, book, article, etc) you are evaluating:

C.R.A.A.P. Test Criteria	Your Notes
<p>CURRENCY: timeliness of the information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a date showing when the information was published or last updated? • Is the information up-to-date enough for your topic or is it too old? (the importance of the currency of the information will vary depending on your topic). 	
<p>RELEVANCY: usefulness of the information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the information relevant to your topic? • Does the information help answer your particular questions OR provide you with new ideas to explore? • Is the information at an appropriate level for your age? 	
<p>AUTHORITY: credibility of the source of information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the source! • Who is the author/source of the information? Is there contact information for the author? • Open a new tab and google the name of the source. What are others saying about the source? Is the source trustworthy? Are they experts on the topic providing reliable information? Or could they be deliberately providing misleading information, or unintentionally providing inaccurate information? 	
<p>ACCURACY: truthfulness of the information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the information! • Check other sources to see what information they are providing on the topic. Open another tab and google the website title or key terms. (LATERAL READING). • If the information has been repeated from another source, can you find the original source? Check that the information has not been taken out of context. • Ask yourself: does this information sound right? Could it be a joke? 	
<p>PURPOSE: the reason the information exists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the purpose of the information? Is it to inform or teach? Make money? Entertain? Persuade you of a particular point of view? Fool or trick you? • Is the information fact or opinion? • Are there political, cultural, or other types of biases present? • Does the website URL provide clues as to the purpose of the website? 	