

The CRAAP Test Worksheet

The CRAAP Test is a list of questions to help you evaluate the information you find. Answer the questions that apply to your source to help you decide if it is right for your purpose.

Currency: the timeliness of the information

- When was the information published or posted? _____
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic? _____
- Has the information been revised or updated? _____

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 level appropriate (i.e. not too basic or advanced for your needs)? _____
- Is the source intended to be general, comprehensive, or selective? _____
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this one is the best? _____
- How does it compare to other sources? _____

Authority: The source of the information.

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? _____
- What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations? _____
- Is the author qualified to write on the topic? _____
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address? _____

Accuracy: The reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content.

- Where does the information come from? Is it 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 unbiased and free of emotion? _____
- Are there obvious errors (i.e. spelling, grammar or typographical)? _____

Purpose: the reason (e.g. teach, sell, entertain) 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? _____
- Is it free of political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal biases? _____