

C.R.A.A.P. Test Worksheet

The CRAAP Test* is a list of questions to help you evaluate the information you find in the provided website by your teacher. Answer the questions below to determine if it is appropriate to use as valid and reliable information.

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:
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?
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