Finding Reliable Information Using the CRAAP Test

Name of Website:
URL of Website:

Directions: Use your judgment in allotting points for the various categories. Enter points and add up the points for the total score.

Rate Site 0-5 points	CRAAP Test Criteria
	Currency • If relevant, when was the information gathered? • When was it posted? • When was it last revised? • Are links functional and up-to-date? • Is there evidence of newly added information or links?
	Relevance/Coverage • What is the depth and breadth of the information presented? • Is the information unique? • Is it available elsewhere, in print or electronic format? • Could you find the same or better information in another source (for example, a general encyclopedia)? • Who is the intended audience? Is this easily determined? • Does the site provide the information you need? • Your overall assessment is important. Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?
	Authority • Who is the author/creator/sponsor? • Are author's credentials listed? • Is the author a teacher or student of the topic? • Does the author have a reputation? • Is there contact information, such as an e-mail address? • Has the author published works in traditional formats? • Is the author affiliated with an organization? • Does this organization appear to support or sponsor the page? • What does the domain name/URL reveal about the source of the information, if anything? Example: .com .edu .gov .org .net
	Accuracy • Where does the information come from? • Are the original sources of information listed? • Can you verify any of the information in independent sources or from your own knowledge? • Has the information been reviewed or refereed? • Does the language or tone seem biased? • Are there spelling, grammar, or other typos?
	Purpose • Are possible biases clearly stated? • Is advertising content vs. informational content easily distinguishable? • Are editorials clearly labeled? • Is the purpose of the page stated? • Is the purpose to: inform? teach? entertain? enlighten? sell? persuade? • What does the domain name/URL reveal about the source of the information, if anything? Example: .com .edu .gov .org .net
Total:	Do you feel this is a reliable source for college level research?