

## The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 5 ( 1 = unreliable, 5 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource (and whether your teacher would want you to!).

<b>Website or Hard Copy:</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<p><b>Currency:</b> <i>the timeliness of the information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was the information published or posted?</li> <li>• Has the information been revised or updated?</li> <li>• Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?</li> <li>• Are the links functional?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Relevance:</b> <i>the importance of the information for your needs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the information relate to your topic or answer your questions?</li> <li>• Who is the intended audience?</li> <li>• Is the information at an appropriate level?</li> <li>• Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one?</li> <li>• Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Authority:</b> <i>the source of the information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?</li> <li>• Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given?</li> <li>• What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations?</li> <li>• What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic?</li> <li>• Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address?</li> <li>• Does the url reveal anything about the author or source?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Accuracy:</b> <i>the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where does the information come from?</li> <li>• Is the information supported by evidence?</li> <li>• Has the information been reviewed or refereed?</li> <li>• Can you verify any of the information in another source?</li> <li>• Does the language or tone seem biased and free of emotion?</li> <li>• Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Purpose:</b> <i>the reason the information exists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the purpose of this information?</li> <li>• Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear?</li> <li>• Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda?</li> <li>• Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?</li> <li>• Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?</li> </ul>	
<b>Total</b>	

**If it is below 22, you may want to consider finding another source!**