

Is this CRAAPP?!

*Evaluating information using the
CRAAPP Test.*

What is this CRAAP?

- C - Currency
- R - Relevance
- A - Authority
- A - Accuracy
- P - Purpose
- P - Process

Currency (Hey, things change!)

Timeliness of the Information

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- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?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

Relevance (Why should I pick *you*?)

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 at an appropriate level (i.e. not too elementary or advanced for your needs)?
- Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?

Authority (Yeah? Says who?!) 10

Source of the Information

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
 - Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations given?
 - What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic?
- Does the URL (.com, .edu, .gov, etc.) reveal anything about the author or source?

Accuracy (Pics or it didn't happen.)

Reliability, truthfulness, and correctness

- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information 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 author omit important facts/data that may disprove a claim?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?

Purpose (What's your point, dude?)

Reason information exists

- What is the purpose of the information? to inform? teach? sell? entertain? persuade?
- Is the information fact? opinion? propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases?

Process (How'd you do it, man?)

Effort and steps behind creation and delivery

- How much reflection, research, or revising went into the process of creating the info?
 - Does that influence how you see that information?
- Does the final format match the author's purpose?
 - Tweets vs blogs vs press release vs newspaper editorial vs scholarly journal article?