

# C.R.A.A.P Test Checklist For Evaluating Web Sites

<b>Currency</b>	Timeliness of information	<input type="checkbox"/> Does this source reflect the current thinking about or perception of this topic? <input type="checkbox"/> When was the information published (book, article, or report), posted, or created (website, video, podcast, image)? <input type="checkbox"/> Has the information been revised or updated recently? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the links functional?
<b>Relevance</b>	Does this information fit your needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> How does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? <input type="checkbox"/> Who is the intended audience? For example, is it written for experts in this general field or subject or general readers? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the information at an appropriate level? <input type="checkbox"/> How does this source compare to the other sources you have found? Does it offer anything different? Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this is one you will use? <input type="checkbox"/> What kind of documentation is this? Primary or secondary source?
<b>Authority</b>	Source of information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Who is the author/publisher/creator/sponsor? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the author an expert on this topic? Click on the author's name or google them. Also look for other authors or creators who have written, commented on, or addressed the same topic. <input type="checkbox"/> What affiliation does the author have with any organizations or companies. Look for an "About Us", "Who We Are", . <input type="checkbox"/> Does the URL reveal anything about the authors/sponsors/creators of source?
<b>Accuracy</b>	Reliability and correctness of information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the information supported by evidence, citations, references, or links/ hyperlinks? <input type="checkbox"/> Has the information been reviewed or refereed? <input type="checkbox"/> Can you verify any of the information in another source? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?
<b>Purpose</b>	Why does this info exist?	<input type="checkbox"/> What is the purpose of the information? To inform or teach? To sell? To entertain? To persuade? <input type="checkbox"/> What is the tone of the source? What kind of language or images is the author or creator using? Emotional? Angry? Calm? <input type="checkbox"/> Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?