CRAAP Evaluator

CURRENCY

- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Does your topic require current information, or will older sources work as well?
- Are the links functional?

RELEVANCE

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is the information at an age-appropriate level?
- Have you looked at a variety of sources and compared?
- Would you be comfortable citing this source in your research paper?

AUTHORITY

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- What are the author's credentials and are they qualified to write on the topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email?
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ACCURACY

- 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 language seem unbiased & free of emotion?
- Are there spelling or grammar errors or typos?

PURPOSE

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