

THE CRAAP TEST

Is the source credible?

Should you use it as a resource?

C

Currency

IS THE INFORMATION CURRENT?

- When was the information published?
 - Has the information been updated?
 - Are the links working?
 - Is the information current enough for your topic?
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Relevance

IS THE INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR TOPIC?

- Does the information help answer your inquiry question?
 - Is the information written at an appropriate level for you?
 - Have you looked at a variety of sources before deciding to use this one?
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Authority

IS THE AUTHOR CREDIBLE?

- Who is the author?
 - What are the credentials of the author?
 - Is the author qualified or an expert on the topic?
 - Who is the publisher? Look at the URL of the source as well (.edu, .gov., .org, .net, .com)
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Accuracy

IS THE CONTENT CORRECT?

- Is the content reliable, truthful, and unbiased?
 - Is the information supported by evidence?
 - Is the content free of spelling, grammar, and typographical errors?
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Purpose

IS THE PURPOSE TO INFORM OR TEACH?

- Why has the author published the information?
- Does the author make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?