

The CRAAP Test

Are your sources crappy or not? Use this test to evaluate sources.

50 points possible. Need at least 35 points (70%) to pass.

<p>CURRENCY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is your information current enough for your needs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes → 10 pts b. Sort of → 5 pts c. No → 0 points 	
<p>RELEVANCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many usable quotes or useful pieces of information did you find? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I found 3 (or more) quotes I can use in my paper → 5 pts b. I found two quotes that I can use in my paper → 3 pts c. There were no usable quotes → 0 pts • Could you explain the information in this source to someone else? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. I can explain the whole thing → 5 pts b. I can explain at least half the source → 3 pts c. I understand less than half the source → 0pts 	<hr/>
<p>AUTHORITY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The author/publisher/source/sponsor of this information is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A real person(s) (first and last name) → 5 pts b. A real organization (government, business, institution → 5 pts c. Can't tell → 0 pts 2. The author is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Very qualified to write on this topic and has formal training → 5 pts b. Qualified to write on this topic, but has no formal training → 3 pts c. Not qualified/has no formal training/I can't tell → 0 pts 	<hr/>
<p>ACCURACY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the author cite other experts? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes → 5 pts b. No, but this is a primary source → 5 pts c. No → 0 pts 2. Does this information have spelling, grammar, or typographical errors? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes → 0 pts b. No → 5 pts 	<hr/>
<p>PURPOSE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The main purpose of this information is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide facts or teach something → 5 pts b. Sell something → 0 pts c. Provide entertainment → 0 pts 2. Does the author make the intention or purpose of this information clear? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes → 5 pts • No → 0 pts 	<hr/>