The CRAAP Test Worksheet

Name:

Website Name/URL:

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the questions as appropriate, and then rank each of the 5 parts from 1 to 10 (1=unreliable, 10=excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should use the resource.

Currency (the timeliness of the information)
- When was the website/information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic?
- Do the links still work?

Relevance (the 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 written at an academic/age-appropriate level?
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before choosing this one?
- Would you be comfortable using this source in a formal research paper?

Authority (the source of the information)
- Who is the author/publisher/source/company?
- Are the author’s credentials or organizational affiliation given?
- What are the author’s credentials or organizational background?
- What are the author’s qualifications to write about this topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address?
- Does the URL (web address) reveal anything about the author or source?

Accuracy (the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content)
- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information or analysis supported by evidence and facts?
- Has the information been reviewed by an outside expert?
- Can you verify the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem biased and free from emotion?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?

Purpose (the reason the information exists)
- What is the purpose of the information?
- Does the author or publishers make their intentions or purpose clear?
- Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal biases evident?

Total
- 45-50 – Excellent | 40-44 – Good | 35-39 – Average
- 30-34 – Borderline | Below 30 - unacceptable