The CRAAP Test

Use this worksheet to help you evaluate a source. Answer the questions as appropriate, then rank each of the parts from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to give you an idea of whether you should you use the resource.

Currency: the timeliness of the information - When was the information published or posted? - Has the information been revised or updated? - Is the information current or out-of-date for your topic? - Are the links functional?	

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 level appropriate (i.e. not too basic or advanced for your needs)? - Would you be comfortable using this source in a research paper?	

Authority: the source of the information - Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor? - What are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations? - What are the author's qualifications to write on the topic? - Is there contact information, such as a publisher or e-mail address? - Does the URL (ex. .gov, .org, .com, etc.) reveal anything about the author or source?	

Accuracy: the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content - Is the information supported by evidence? - Has the information been reviewed or refereed? - Can you verify any of the information in another source? - Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion? - Is it free of spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?	

Purpose: the reason the information exists - What is the purpose of the information? - Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? - Is the information fact? Opinion? Propaganda? - Does the point of view appear objective and impartial? - Is it free of political, ideological, cultural, religious, or personal biases?	

45 - 50 Excellent	40 – 44 Good	35 – 39 Average	30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable	Below 30 – Unacceptable	**Total**

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