

Is your source CRAAP tested?

Critically analyzing sources is an important component of the research process. When evaluating a source, there are many factors that contribute to its usefulness, reliability, and appropriateness for your research. Use information from the source to help you determine whether or not you should use it for your project.

What is the type of source? (Select one option by placing an **X** in the box.)

Book

Magazine Article

Journal Article

News/Newspaper Article

Government Document

Web Page/Site

Image

Video (web or dvd)

Audio / Podcast

Blog

Other, please specify: _____

Use the questions to evaluate the source.

Currency: To determine if the date of publication of the information is suitable for your project.

What is the copyright, publication, or posting date?

Why is or isn't the date important for the message or content of the source?

Relevance: To determine how applicable the information is for the purpose of your project.

For what audience or level is the information written (general public, experts/scholars, etc.)?

Explain why you would or would not quote/reference the information from this source in your project.

Authority: To determine if the source author, creator, or publisher of the information is the most knowledgeable.

Who is the author, creator, or publisher of the source or what organization is responsible for the source?

How do you know if the author is an expert on the topic (e.g. examine the author's credentials and/or organizational affiliation)?

Accuracy: To determine the reliability, truthfulness and correctness of the content.

What indications do you see that the information is or is not well researched or provides sufficient evidence? What kind of language, imagery and/or tone is used (e.g. emotional, objective, professional, etc.)?

Purpose: To determine the reason why the information exists.

Why was this source written (e.g. to inform, teach, entertain, persuade)?

How might the author's affiliation affect the point of view, slant, or potential bias of the source?

Does the source pass the CRAAP test?

Yes must be selected for each component to pass the CRAAP test.

Currency	Publication date is acceptable for the information being conveyed.	Yes	No
Relevance	The information within the source is relevant to my topic.	Yes	No
Authority	The author has expert credentials or affiliations and/or the source is known, published, and reputable.	Yes	No
Accuracy	The information is well researched and supported by evidence.	Yes	No
Purpose	The source's slant or bias is not a hindrance to my project's focus.	Yes	No

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