

# The CRAAP Test For Evaluating Sources



**Currency:** The timeliness of the information.

- When was the info published or posted?
- Has it been updated?
- Do you need the most current info for your topic?



**Relevance:** The importance of the info for your needs.

- Does the information directly relate to your topic?
- Does it help you answer questions?
- Have you looked at other sources to find the best one?



**Authority:** The source of the info.

- Who is the author or publisher?
- Are they qualified to write about the topic?
- If it's a website, does the URL say anything about the source? .com .gov .edu .org?



**Accuracy:** The reliability and correctness of the info.

- Is the info supported by evidence?
- Can you verify the info with another source?
- Is the author or publisher biased or unbiased?



**Purpose:** The reason the info exists.

- What is the purpose of the info?
  - To teach, sell, persuade, or entertain?
- Is the info a fact or an opinion?
- Again, is the author or publisher biased or unbiased?