

## CRAAP Website Evaluation Checklist

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

- When was the information posted or updated?
- Is the information current or out of date for your topic?
- How current are the links? Do they all 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 at an appropriate level (i.e. not too elementary or advanced for your needs)?
- Have you looked at a variety of sources before determining this is one you will use?

### **Authority: The source of the information**

- Who is the author/publisher/source/organization?
- Are the author's credentials or organizational affiliations listed?
- Is the author qualified to write on this topic?
- Is there contact information, such as a publisher or email address
- Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? examples: .com .edu .gov .org

### **Accuracy: The reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content**

- Where does the information come from?
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Can you verify any of the information in another source?
- Does the language or tone seem unbiased and free of emotion?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors?

### **Purpose: The reason the information exists**

- What is the purpose of the information? To inform? To sell? To entertain? To persuade?
- Do the authors 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, institutional, or personal biases?