The CRAAP Test Worksheet

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 (and whether your professor would want you to!).

Currency: the timeliness of the information
- When was the information published or posted?
- Has the information been revised or updated?
- Are the references and links current?

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?
- Does the writing match the
- Does this source provide unique information or points of view?
- Would you be comfortable using this source for 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 the topic?
- Is the publication reputable?

Accuracy: the reliability, truthfulness, and correctness of the content
- Where does the information come from?
- 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 biased and free of emotion?
- Are there spelling, grammar or other typographical errors?

Purpose: the reason the information exist
- 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?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?

Total:

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

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