Use the questions below to help you evaluate your sources. This can be used for print and online sources. Answer the questions then score each section from 1 – 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent). Add up the scores to help you decide whether you should use that particular source for your assignment.

**C**urrency ...................................

- When was the information published/posted? _______________________
- Has the information been updated? 
- Does the information need to be current for your needs? 

**R**elevance ............................... 

- Does the information you found match the topic for your assignment? 
- Have you looked at other sources before selecting this one? 
- Are your questions answered by this source? 

**A**uthority ............................... 

- Who is the author or publisher of the information? ____________________
- Can you find and verify the author or publisher’s credentials? 
- Does the URL help you determine the source? (.edu; .com; .gov) 

**A**ccuracy ............................... 

- Can you verify this information in another source? 
- Did the author back up his/her statements with evidence and list sources? 
- Are there lots of spelling or grammar errors or typos? 

**P**urpose ............................... 

- What is the purpose of the information? Does it aim to teach, entertain, sell, etc.? 
- Is the information unbiased; does the author or publisher seem impartial? 
- Are there political, religious, cultural or other biases present? 

**Scoring:**

- 45-50 Excellent • 40-44 Good • 35-39 Average 
- 30-34 May or may not be Acceptable 
- Below 30 Not an acceptable source

The Score Card is adapted from the CRAAP test created at the Meriam Library at California State University Chico.