CRAAP Test for Evaluating Sources

SCORE CARD

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.