

CRAAP Test

Evaluate sources on reliability and usability with the CRAAP test.

Answer the questions below, giving a score from 1-10.

The added score gives you an indication of the quality of the source

In your assessment, take into account the purpose for which you need the information.

For example, whether a source is current enough can differ per subject.

A recent source will be more important for mapping current market developments than for information about a historical event.

Which source are you evaluating? (Title, author, and link to source if applicable)

Currency: how up to date is the information?

- When was the information published?
- Has the information been updated or revised?
- Is the information current enough for your topic?

Relevance: is the information relevant for your subject?

- Does the information relate to your subject, or answer a research question?
- Who is the intended audience of the information (e.g. general public/ experts/ researchers)?

Authority: is the creator an authority on this subject?

- Who is the author/publisher/source/sponsor?
- What do other sources say about the creator? What information do you find about this online, is the creator perceived as reliable, or controversial?
- What makes the author an expert in this field? (e.g. education, background, connected to a particular organization)

Accuracy: is the information true, correct and reliable?

- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Are there references to used sources?
- Has the information been reviewed by other experts (e.g. peer review)?
- Do other sources confirm the information?

Purpose: what is the reason the information exists?

- What is the purpose of the information (e.g. to inform, entertain, persuade)?
- Is the author/sponsor clear about the purpose of the information?
- Is the information based on (provable) facts, or on opinions?
- Is the information objective and impartial? Or could it be influenced by political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal views?

Total score:

45-50: excellent

40-44: good

35-39: average

30-34: borderline acceptable

30 or lower: unacceptable, do not use

