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Evaluation of Web Search Results: the CRAAP Test

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The quality of information you find on the Internet varies greatly. You should evaluate Web sites as you do any information. Use the “**CRAAP Test**”: check **C**urrency, **R**elevance, **A**uthority, **A**ccuracy and **P**urpose. (adapted from Meriam Library, California State University - Chico).

Fill out the information requested below for two sites on your topic that you find through a web search or by using one of the subject directory sites, such as the Internet Public Library at www.ipl.org or the Librarians’ Index to the Internet at <http://lii.org>

Write your own topic or keywords here _____

If you use an article on Wikipedia, check contributors, several previous edits in the history and the discussion (sometimes containing quality ratings or other information). Note your findings under Accuracy and Authority.

Consider the questions below for each category, then summarize your answers in the boxes.

	WEB SOURCE A	WEB SOURCE B
WEB SOURCE NAME or TITLE AND URL (or how you found it)		
Indicate type or format: e.g. journal article, website, blog, Wikipedia article, news site article, video, book excerpt		
CURRENCY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What clues show when the source was last updated, whether it is up to date, or if the site is being maintained? 		
RELEVANCE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question? • Is the information at an appropriate level? 		

	WEB SOURCE A	WEB SOURCE B
<p>AUTHORITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the creator of this web source? • Describe what you can find about the creator's (or organization's) knowledge, expertise, or "special interest" on the subject? • Does the URL reveal anything about the author or source? examples: .com .edu .gov .org .net 		
<p>ACCURACY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the language objective or opinionated? • Whether objective or opinion, is the information supported by evidence? • Does the information match any you have found elsewhere? • Are there spelling, grammar, or other typographical errors? 		
<p>PURPOSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the purpose of the information? to inform? sell? entertain? persuade? • Do the authors/sponsors make their intentions or purpose clear? • Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional, or personal biases? 		
<p>Would this likely be a useful source for a research paper? Why?</p>		

