

# The C.R.A.A.P. Test

Use the rubric below to evaluate a website

Student Name:

Website Address: www.

Criteria	Evaluation Techniques	0 points	1 point	2 points	3 points	Score
<b>Currency</b> When was the information written & last updated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a copyright or lasted updated date on the page (top/bottom of page)?</li> <li>Are there any broken links?</li> <li>Do you think it has current information for doing research?</li> </ul>	There is no indication of when the site was create or last updated. Numerous broken links.	The date given for the site's creation is over 3 years old. Some broken links.	The site has been created or updated within the last 3 years. No broken links.	The site has been created or updated within the last two years or less. No broken links.	
<b>Relevance</b> Does the website provide enough information for someone researching about this topic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the website provide links to other reliable sources (experts in the field)?</li> <li>Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?</li> </ul>	No links to sources.	General statement about the source of the info, but no specific links to sources. No works cited.	There are a few links to sources or a works cited list.	There are multiple links to sources or a works cited list AND they are from other reliable sources.	
<b>Authority</b> Who is responsible for the information and are they a trustworthy organization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the domain (.edu, .com, .org, .net, .gov)?</li> <li>Is it hosted by an individual person?</li> <li>Is it sponsored by a trustworthy organization?</li> </ul>	This is an individual's page, .com site, or unknown with no affiliation from a trustworthy organization.	The home page is a .com, .org, .net with no affiliation from an organization.	A known business, professional association, society, or museum hosts.	A government department or agency is the home page (.gov) or the domain is .edu.	
<b>Accuracy</b> Is it reliable, truthful, or correct?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there spelling or grammar errors?</li> <li>Where does the information come from (the organization, experts in the field)?</li> </ul>	There are multiple spelling/grammatical errors; not back by reliable research or experts in the field.	Provides information but does not provide source.	Provides information from some reliable research or experts.	No spelling or grammatical errors. All info is from experts in the field/trustworthy sources.	
<b>Purpose</b> What is the reason the information exists?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the intended audience? Look in the "About" tab or locate the "Mission Statement".</li> <li>Why was it written?</li> <li>Does the information seem fairly represented or is it biased, one-sided?</li> </ul>	The purpose is personal and to sell something.	Purpose is to persuade or give a biased view. Focus is to promote something.	Offers some factual information. Some bias and/or advertising.	The purpose is to support scholarly research with factual information. Balanced without any bias.	

## Tally your points and enter the score here:

**12 to 15 points:** Excellent source for research.

**8 to 11 points:** Good source for research or academic project. Before using, confirm with other sources.

**4 to 7 points:** Useful for ideas or casual projects. Do not cite as a reference for a research paper or project.

**0 to 3 points:** Highly questionable source.