

CRAP Evaluation of Sources

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the criteria below to assess and compare two or three sources of information about the same topic. You can give equal points to each criterion (e.g., 25 points each for currency, reliability, authority, and purpose), or weight points as you see fit (e.g., 25-35-25-15, etc.). Be sure to apply your point system consistently to all sources.

Currency

- How recent is the information?
- How recently has the website been updated?
- Is it current enough for your topic?

Reliability

- What kind of information is included in the resource?
- Is content of the resource primarily opinion? Is it balanced?
- Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

Authority

- Who is the creator or author?
- What are the credentials?
- Who is the publisher or sponsor?
- Are they reputable?
- What is the publisher's interest (if any) in this information?
- Are there advertisements on the website?

Purpose/Point of View

- Is this fact or opinion?
- Is the creator/author trying to sell you something?
- Is it biased?

Outside Source #1: _____

Currency:

Reliability:

Authority:

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Outside Source #2: _____

Currency:

Reliability:

Authority:

Purpose/Point of View:

Outside Source #3: _____

Currency:

Reliability:

Authority:

Purpose/Point of View: