

# Evaluating Information: Applying the CRAAP Test

## Currency: The timeliness of the information

- When was the information created?
- Has the information been updated?
- Is the information current for your topic?

## Relevance: The usefulness of the information

- Does the information relate to your topic or answer your question?
- Who is the intended audience?
- Is the information at an appropriate academic level?
- Is there better information available in another source?

## Authority: The source of the information

- Who created the information? (Author, Publisher, Source or Sponsor)
- What are the creator's credentials and affiliations?
- Is the creator qualified to write on this topic?
- Is the creator's contact information provided?

## Accuracy: The correctness of the information

- Where does the information come from? Are there references or citations?
- Is the information supported by evidence?
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
- Can you verify the information in another source or from personal knowledge?
- Are there spelling, grammar or typographical errors?

## Purpose: The reason the information exists

- Does the information have a clear purpose to inform, teach, sell, entertain or persuade?
- Does the point of view appear objective and impartial?
- Are there political, ideological, cultural, religious, institutional or personal biases?