

# Just how good is that resource? Give it the CRAAP test

The CRAAP test offers researchers a system to evaluate the validity of a source using the following:

- **Currency**
- **Reliability**
- **Accuracy**
- **Authority**
- **Purpose & Point of View**

Ask the following questions before you use a web resource in a research project:

## **Currency**

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

## **Reliability**

- What kind of information is included?
- Is the content primarily opinion? Are all points of view included?
- Does the creator provide references or sources for data or quotations?

## **Accuracy**

- Are there any errors on the page?
- Can you confirm the information elsewhere?

## **Authority**

- What are the creator's credentials?
- Who is the publisher or sponsor?
- Is the publisher/sponsor reputable?
- What is the publisher's interest, if any, in the information?
- Are there advertisements on the website?

## **Purpose & Point of View**

- Is this page factual or based on opinion?
- Do you detect a point of view? Is it biased?
- Is the creator trying to sell you something?
- Are there advertisements on the website?



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