

# Evaluating Sources

## Quest 2: The CRAAP Test

Are your sources crappy or not? Use this test for Quests 2-5 to evaluate your sources.

30 points possible. Need at least 22.5 points (75%) to pass.

<p><b>Currency</b> <i>6 points total</i></p>	<p>1. Is your information current enough for your needs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes → 6 pts</li> <li>b. Sort of → 3 pts</li> <li>c. No → 0 pts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Relevance</b> <i>9 points total</i></p>	<p>1. How many usable quotes or useful pieces of information did you find?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. I found three quotes that I could use in my paper → 3 pts</li> <li>b. I found two quotes that I could use in my paper → 1.5 pts</li> <li>c. There were no usable quotes → 0 pts</li> </ul> <p>2. Could you explain the information in this source to someone else?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. I can explain the whole thing → 6 pts</li> <li>b. I can explain half of the source → 3 pts</li> <li>c. I only understand certain sentences → 0 pts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Authority</b> <i>6 points total</i></p>	<p>1. The author/publisher/source/sponsor of this information is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A real person(s) (first and last name) → 3 pts</li> <li>b. A real organization (government, business, institution) → 3 pts</li> <li>c. Username or pseudonym → 0 pts</li> <li>d. Can't tell → 0 pts</li> </ul> <p>2. The author is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Very qualified to write on this topic and has formal training → 3 pts</li> <li>b. Qualified to write on the topic, but has no formal training → 1.5 pts</li> <li>c. Not qualified to write on the topic and has no formal training / can't tell → 0 pts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accuracy</b> <i>6 points total</i></p>	<p>1. Does the author cite other experts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes → 3 pts</li> <li>b. No → 0 pts</li> </ul> <p>2. Does this information have spelling, grammar, or typographical errors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes → 0 pts</li> <li>b. No → 3 pts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Purpose</b> <i>3 points total</i></p>	<p>1. The main purpose of this information is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide facts or teach something → 2 pts</li> <li>b. Sell something → 0 pts</li> <li>c. Provide entertainment → 0 pts</li> </ul> <p>2. Does the author make the intention or purpose of this information clear?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes → 1 pt</li> <li>b. No → 0 pts</li> </ul>

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