Evaluating the information that you find using the CRAAP test.

Once you have found your information it is important to evaluate them so that you keep the best ones for your project. One way of doing this is by performing the **CRAAP** test on your sources.

Currency, Relevancy, Authority, Accuracy and Purpose

Asking the questions below about each website, document or piece of information that you find will help you decide which ones are relevant for your project.

Currency

When was it published? Is the information too old? Does it have a date on it? When was it last up-dated? How important is it that you have up-to-date information?

Relevancy

Does it fit your project? Will your project be stronger if you include this information?

Authority

Who has published or written the information? Do you trust them? Is it easy to find out anything about them? Who was it written for?

Accuracy

Is the information correct? Check with another source, if you are not sure to see if they say the same thing. Are the details correct?

Purpose

Why does the information exist? Is it trying to sell you something, persuade you or give you an opinion? Once you figure this out, you can then decide how to use the information that you have found.

There is lots of information available on the **CRAAP** produced by universities and other libraries that can show you the test in action. You can find it by doing a simple search on the internet.

REMEMBER if you are not sure how to apply any part of the test, ask your librarian or teacher for help and support. Always evaluate the information you find.