**The CRAAP Test Scoring Guide: Evaluate Your Sources!**

Use the following list to help you evaluate sources. Answer the question and then rank each category from 1 to 10 (1 = unreliable, 10 = excellent) Add up scores to get an idea of whether you should use the resource!



**Currency:** The timeliness of the information……………………………



-When was the info published or posted?

-Has it been updated?

-Do you need the most current info for your topic?



**Relevance:** The importance of the info for your needs…………………..



-Does the information directly relate to your topic?

-Does it help you answer your questions?

-Who is the intended audience, students, customers?



**Authority:** The source of the info…………………………………………..

-Who is the author or publisher? Can they be contacted?

-Are they qualified to write about the topic? College degrees? Professional Position?

-If it’s a website, does the URL say anything about the source? .com .gov .edu .org?



**Accuracy:** The reliability and correctness of the info…………………….

-Is the info supported by evidence, examples or citations? Bibliography?

-Can you verify the info with another source?

-Are there spelling, grammar or typographical errors?

**Purpose:** The reason the info exists…………………………………..

-What is the purpose of the info?

-To teach, sell, persuade, or entertain?

-Is the info a fact or an opinion?

-Is the author or publisher biased or unbiased? Only showing one side of the story?

-What format is the content? Text, image or sound?