



Library

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CRAAP Test for Evaluating Sources **SCORE CARD**

Use the questions below to help you evaluate your sources. This can be used for print and online sources. Answer the questions then score each section from **1 – 10** (**1** = unreliable, **10** = excellent). Add up the scores to help you decide whether you should use that particular source for your assignment.

Currency **YES NO**

- When was the information published/posted? _____
- Has the information been updated?
- Does the information need to be current for your needs?

Relevance..... **YES NO**

- Does the information you found match the topic for your assignment?
- Have you looked at other sources before selecting this one?
- Are your questions answered by this source?

Authority..... **YES NO**

- Who is the author or publisher of the information? _____
- Can you find and verify the author or publisher's credentials?
- Does the URL help you determine the source? (.edu; .com; .gov)

Accuracy..... **YES NO**

- Can you verify this information in another source?
- Did the author back up his/her statements with evidence and list sources?
- Are there lots of spelling or grammar errors or typos?

Purpose..... **YES NO**

- What is the purpose of the information? Does it aim to teach, entertain, sell, etc.? _____
- Is the information unbiased; does the author or publisher seem impartial?
- Are there political, religious, cultural or other biases present?

Scoring:

45-50 Excellent • 40-44 Good • 35-39 Average
30-34 May or may not be Acceptable
Below 30 Not an acceptable source

TOTAL SCORE

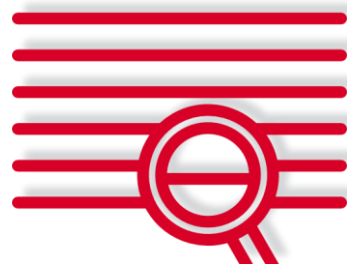
The Score Card is adapted from the CRAAP test created at the Meriam Library at California State University Chico.

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info.



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be outrageous in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on those links. Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events.



IS IT A JOKE?

If it is too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement.



ASK THE EXPERTS

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.