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The CRAAP Test to Evaluate Websites

Title of Web Site:

URL:

Directions: Use your judgment in allotting points for the various categories. Add up the points for the total score.

Currency (0 to 10 Points)

- If relevant, when was the information gathered?
- When was it posted?
- When was it last revised?
- Are links functional and up-to-date?
- Is there evidence of newly added information or links?

Relevance (0 to 10 Points)

- Does the site provide the information you need?
- Is the information unique?
- Is it available elsewhere, in print or electronic format?
- Could you find the same or better information in another source (for example, a general encyclopedia)?
- Who is the intended audience? Is this easily determined?
- Your overall assessment is important. Would you be comfortable using this source for a research paper?

Authority (0 to 10 Points)

- Who is the author/creator/sponsor?
- Are author's credentials listed?
- Is the author a teacher or student of the topic?
- Does the author have a reputation?
- Is there contact information, such as an e-mail address?
- Is the author affiliated with an organization?
- Does this organization appear to support or sponsor the page?
- What does the domain name/URL reveal about the source of the information, if anything? Example: .com .edu .gov .org

Accuracy (0 to 10 Points)

- Where does the information come from?
- Are the original sources of information listed?
- Can you verify any of the information in independent sources or from your own knowledge?
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?
- Does the language or tone seem biased?
- Are there spelling, grammar, or other typos?

Purpose (0 to 10 Points)

- Are possible biases clearly stated?
- Is advertising content vs. informational content easily distinguishable?
- Are editorials clearly labeled?
- Is the purpose of the page stated?
- Is the purpose to: inform? teach? entertain? enlighten? sell? persuade?
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TOTAL SCORE:

SCORING

45 - 50 Excellent
40 - 44 Good
35 - 39 Average
30 - 34 Borderline Acceptable
Below 30 - Unacceptable